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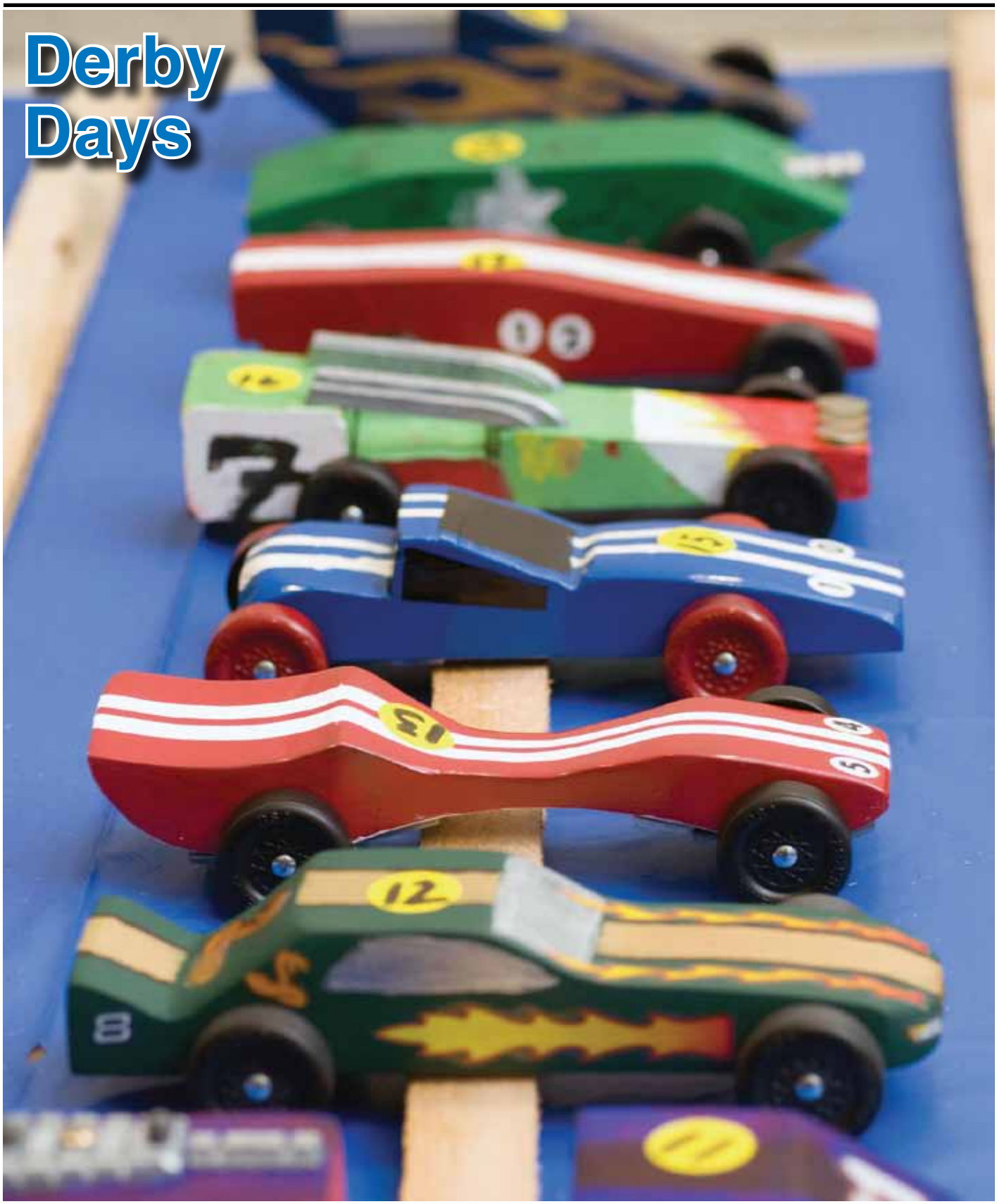

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Old Colony Gets Green Makeover

By Laura Pedulli

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School (OCRVT) is going green. In a major effort to reduce its energy output, the school is getting a makeover in the form of building upgrades that will reduce Old Colony's utility usage by 50 percent per year.

A kick-off celebration on February 2 marked the launch of the $3 million energy efficiency upgrade project. The event – which took place at OCRVT's cafeteria – involved members of school staff and administration, the contractor, and local officials.

The event is particularly special for OCRVT Superintendent-Director Gary Brown – who spearheaded the project in August 2008. "This is a great experience for me; I never thought something like this could happen two years ago," he said.

Mr. Brown led the efforts to undertake this project after amassing a team of school officials to study similar projects at four other schools. After a stringent review process, OCRVT eventually contracted with Trane – a business of Ingersoll Rand – in a year-long effort to secure $3 million over a 15-year period. The school expects to save 36,405,390 pounds of carbon dioxide, which is equivalent to 1,880,445 gallons of gasoline, 4,965 planted acres of trees, or 2,115 powered homes, over that 15 year time.

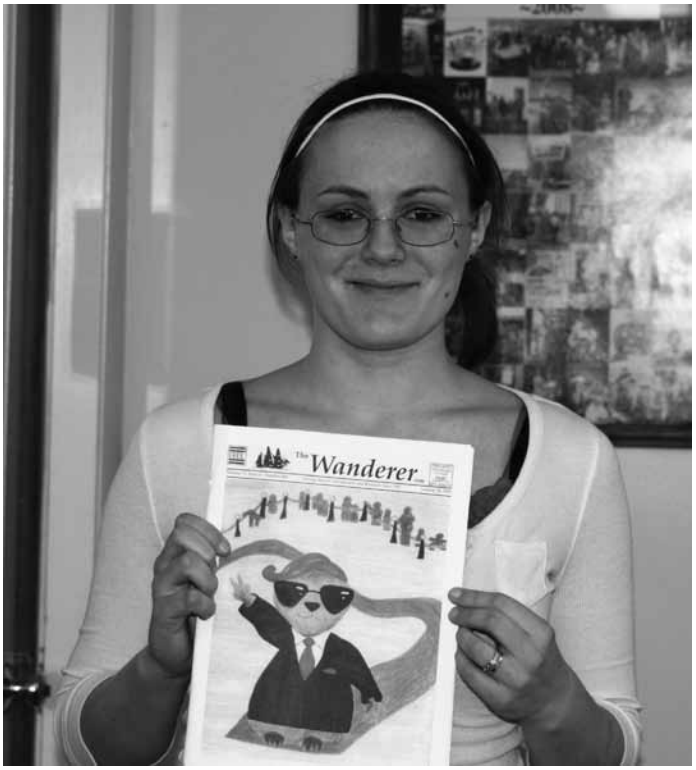
The initial plan to renovate and improve the facilities occurred through a process known as performance contracting. Performance contracting is a way to fund facility improvement projects without burdening the capital budget. The performance contractor – in this case Trane – provides a guarantee of resulting savings to the school. If savings are not achieved, the company will write a check for the difference.

The performance contracting aspect of the project is its greatest benefit, according to Brown. Under the arrangement, taxpayers do not have to pay a dime for the improvements.

In a time of tightening budgets, performance contract projects such as this are "appealing for municipalities and schools because they guarantee savings," said Kristina Regonini, Marketing Coordinator for Trane. She noted that institutions such as K-12 schools, hospitals and colleges are "coming out the woodwork" to investigate such schemes to reduce energy costs and help the environment.

Mr. Brown expressed excitement about the project's educational benefit for OCRVT students. Under the agreement, Trane employees will demonstrate to the engineering, math and science students the methodology behind infrastructure and facility improvements. The OCRVT School Board determined early on that student participation in the implementation of the upgrades was essential.

OCRVT is already is beginning the first set of



***Above**: Congratulations to Anthea Andrade, the winner of the 2010 Groundhog Day Cover Contest! Ms. Andrade said that the cover took her a couple weeks and was happy to receive an iTouch for her efforts. Photo by Anne O'Brien-Kakley.*

***On the cover**: On Saturday, January 30, 2010 Marion's Scouts Pack 32 held the first Pine Wood Derby in three years. The Derby was held at the Sippican School where scouts raced cars weighing less than 5 ounces down a sloped wooden track. Photos by Felix Perez. More photos on page .*

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upgrades, Mr. Brown said, in the form of high efficiency lighting retrofits and occupancy sensors. Other upgrades in the pipeline, which will be completed by September 2010, include:

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Mr. Brown said another benefit of the program is the high quality equipment entering the school. In the past, the school often had to purchase cheaper equipment due to budgetary constraints. He noted that the school had to dish out $120,000 for a rooftop replacement ten years ago, but now that maintenance will be included in the new contract. "It is a load off of everyone's mind," he said.

"I think the town is lucky for what we are able to get out of this… We are fortunate, excited about [the project], and hope things go according to plan," Mr. Brown said.

Mattapoisett Historian Talks Cuttyhunk

By Laura Pedulli

Trivia Question: What do the Forbes Family, pirates, and the Wampanoag tribe have in common? Answer: They all left indelible marks on the history of the SouthCoast and Cape Cod regions – in particular, the Cuttyhunk and Elizabeth Islands.

In the first of a two-part series, Mattapoisett Historical Society's Seth Mendell delivered an elucidating lecture on all of the personalities that have shaped

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Cuttyhunk and the Elizabeth Islands – a string of islands that separates Buzzard's Bay and Vineyard Sound. More than 80 eager history buffs attended the lecture, which took place on January 31 at 2:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Public Library.

Mr. Mendell began his story in 1602 – when Bartholomew Gosnold named the islands in honor of Queen Elizabeth of England. Following a 49-day journey from Falmouth, England, Gosnold made landfall at Nova Scotia and eventually meandered south to the Cape Cod region. Mr. Gosnold, mariner Gabriel Archer and a crew of 30 immediately set about establishing a trading post.

Three weeks later, however, the whole crew left. No one knows why, explained Mr. Mendell – but a few

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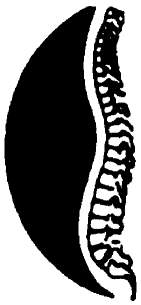

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theories are circulating. The first theory is that the crew lacked adequate provisions to last six months because Mr. Archer clandestinely sold the provisions in England even before the journey began! The second theory is that the crew stole a canoe from the Wampanoag and feared revenge. The second explanation is generally considered implausible, as the Wampanoag were described in various accounts as friendly and open, Mr. Mendell said.

Next trivia question: What do Shakespeare and Cuttyhunk have in common? Answer: Some historians speculate that Mr. Gosnold and Shakespeare had met in England. During these exchanges, it is said that Gosnold's tales of Cuttyhunk inspired Shakespeare's *The Tempest* as the famous writer's descriptions of an island in this work are a "carbon copy" of Cuttyhunk. "Whether it is true or not… we do not know," conceded Mr. Mendel.

As European rulers continued to bankroll mariners in the hope of finding fortune in the New World, the European population continued to increase. The reality was quite the inverse for the Wampanoag, however. Due to contact with smallpox from a Dutch traveler, the tribe's population plummeted from 40,000 to 4,000, well before the pilgrims set foot in Plymouth. The Wampanoag refer to this devastating part of its history as "The Great Sadness."

Between 1630 and 1640, a whopping 75,000 English people arrived in the New World. 15,000 of these individuals established Boston. Around this time, King James I gave the islands to the Council of New England, which were shortly sold to the first of a series of owners: Thomas Meyhew and the Meyhew family. It is said that descendents of the Meyhew family still reside on the islands today.

Trivia Question: Which animal was essential to Naushon's generation of wealth? Answer: Sheep. The first action the Meyhews took was to timber the island. The land then was sold for sheep grazing.

"You don't have to go to the Caribbean to find pirates," said Mr. Mendell as he recounted their trouble-making ways in the late 1600s.

According to Mr. Mendell, three pirates "preyed on local commerce" until the royal government of Boston

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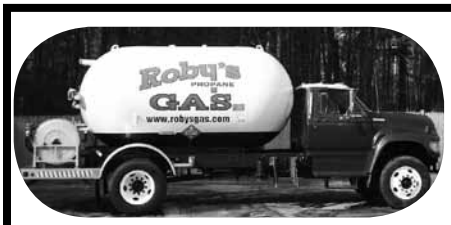

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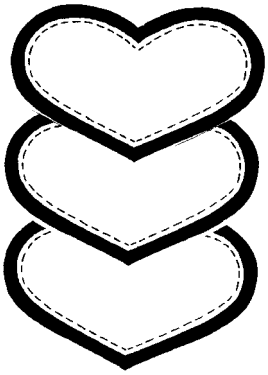

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stepped up to take action. Like scenes from a Hollywood movie, on October 4, 1669, mariners from Boston swooped down to Tarpaulin Cove and overpowered the pirates, who were later hung in Newport, Rhode Island. With pirates out of the scene, the oceans opened up for further development.

In 1730, the Meyhew family sold Naushon to the Bowdoin family, who owned the island for 130 years. The Bowdoin family organized 15-20 tenant sheep farmers who rented the land to raise 2,000 sheep as well as oxen, horses and pigs. During this time, the island experienced new growth. At this time, the general store (which still stands today), tavern, and inn were built and welcomed wary seafaring men who sought a little rest and relaxation.

"The tavern was a lively place in the evening. Men frolicked about and had wild times with local maidens," Mr. Mendell said. It is interesting to note Tarpaulin is the home of one of the first lighthouses on the eastern seaboard. The lighthouse – built in 1759 – helped ships make it safely to shore. Cuttyhunk also has an old lighthouse that originally was built in 1823.

Cuttyhunk developed differently from Naushon, mainly because the island's land was sold, not rented, to sheep farmers. In addition to farming, Cuttyhunk earned its wealth by piloting, or helping merchant vessels safely disembark. "The flipside of their wealth-earning enterprise was, of course, salvaging," Mr. Mendell said.

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However, the Cuttyhunk Humane Society was established to lend a hand to lifesaving efforts. It wasn't until 1915 that the U.S. Coast Guard formally took over this duty.

The good times did not last forever, though. The Revolutionary War devastated the islands, as the British swept in and confiscated thousands of sheep and other goods despite efforts to set up fortifications. According to Mr. Mendell, 500 Englishmen walked the entire islands "shoulder to shoulder" starting at the northern tip of Naushon to effectively pillage the land.

Years after the war played itself out, the Bowdoin family sold the land to the Swain family in 1809.

It was through this family the Forbes family entered the picture. Sarah Swain Hathaway, niece of owner William Swain, fell in love with none other than John Murray Forbes, a wealthy merchant prince of Boston. Mr. Forbes made his fortune by sailing the world and establishing trading routes through the Pacific Northwest regions to China. The prevalence of mariners in SouthCoast and Cape Cod is highlighted by the delicious fact that the first American to sail around the globe was John Kendrick in 1783 from our own Wareham, MA.

Next trivia question: Which commodity was essential to Mr. Forbes' wealth? Answer: Sea otter pelts. Forbes and other traders would sell their iron goods to the Northwest Pacific coast, where they would acquire sea otter pelts to sell to the Chinese. "China went out of

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its mind for sea otter pelts," Mr. Mendell said. Conversely, when these traders returned to Boston, the people loved Chinese silk, spices and tea.

Mr. Forbes not only fell in love with Sarah Swain Hathaway, but with Naushon and the islands. He leveraged his wealth to buy out his uncle and aunt in-law, and set about to drain the island's swamps, build stone walls, add grass to the pastures, and plant thousands of seedling trees. This effort restored the land closer to what it was in the past. Mr. Forbes himself moved to Cuttyhunk and resided in Gosnold.

In the 1880s, striped bass lured wealthy New York millionaires who arrived in "three-piece suits" and let the locals bait their hooks as they leisurely fished. Cuttyhunk also benefited from William Wood, a businessman who was its "sugar-daddy," in the 1900s. With his wealth, Mr. Wood implemented infrastructure improvements, paved roads, built a sewer system, and introduced electricity.

A big celebration marked the 300th anniversary of Gosnold's original landing in 1902, which including the unveiling of the Gosnold monument – a massive stone structure that is 60 feet high.

The Forbes family still own Naushon; it is estimated that approximately 400 heirs of the Forbes family lay claim to the land today.

The Caribbean Comes to Mattapoisett

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

If there was a nip in the air on January 28, the kids at Center and Old Hammondtown Schools were blissfully unaware.

Dressed in bright splashes of lake blue and papaya orange, decked out in tie-dye and leis, Mattapoisett grade schoolers enjoyed a summery presentation by Pan-Neubean Steel. The musical presentation included calypso, reggae, jazz and soul. In between songs, the bandleader and steel drum player, Jeff Clayton, educated the children on the music they were playing, and explained how steel drums are made.

This tropical treat was coordinated by the Mattapoisett PTA Arts and Humanities, and funded by a grant from the Mattapoisett Cultural Council. This was

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The PTA Arts and Humanities Chairperson Debra Nettles, dressed in tie-dye and silver jellyfish earrings, was excited about the presentation. "We asked the kids to get in the mood on a cold, January day," said Ms. Nettles, who smiled as she looked at the room full of brightly dressed, energetic children, with some of the girls swishing in grass skirts.

"It's so great to see them get involved," said Ms. Nettles, whose son was among the children in the audience. The kids also helped prepare for the event by decorating the stage with tropical sea creatures.

PanNeubean Steel is an Afro-Caribbean band that has been together for over ten years, and often plays private venues – they have even opened for Kenny Chesney, Bruce Hornsby, and Jimmy Buffet. It is clear that bandleader Jeff Clayton is a music teacher, since he had an instant rapport with the children and knew how to get them up and moving to the music.

The music selection included songs that are reassuring (*Every little thing is gonna be alright!*), and music about making good decisions.

Upcoming PTA Arts and Humanities events will include an EthNohTec storyteller in April. The EthNohTec storytime will combine Asian traditions with lyricism, dance and movement.

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Marion Board of Selectmen

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Stephen Cushing at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at the Marion Town House. Also in attendance were Selectmen Roger Blanchette and Jonathan Henry, Town Administrator Paul Dawson and Assistant to the Town Administrator Helene Craver.

In a first appointment, the Board met with Norm Hills and Bill Saltonstall of the Alternative Energy Committee (AEC). The AEC is working with the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (MTC) to conduct "feasibility studies" to determine an optimum location for a wind turbine to power town buildings, like the Sippican School, the Town House and one-third of the Old Rochester Regional Schools. Mr. Saltonstall said that the town currently pays about $750,000 in electric bills per year.

"We really think that there is the possibility here for hundreds of thousands [of dollars] in savings to the town," said Mr. Saltonstall. "Marion is in kind of a rare spot. We've got the wind."

The AEC is currently collecting wind velocity data in the area of Great Hill. This feasibility study requires one year of observation, which means the AEC will know more about the possibility of proceeding with Great Hill as a location for turbines in July 2010.

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"I have to commend you on a wise approach," said Selectman Henry. "The right way is to do it in a way that prevents controversy."

The minutes of the January 5, 11, and 19, 2010 meetings were approved.

In Action items, the Board quickly approved the following items:

• An appointment of Blake Wilson as an EMT-Basic.

• One-day wine and malt licenses for the Marion Art Center on March 5-7, March 11-13, July 23-25 and July 29-31, 2010.

• Permission to close Main Street to vehicles and use Bicentennial Park for the July 10 Annual Arts in the Park.

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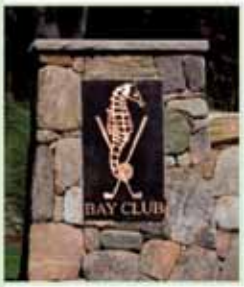

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Danhauser and Bill Saltonstall from the Marion Congregational Church, the Board heard details of the $12,000 water/sewer bill that has completely perplexed the Church.

"This has been a major problem as you can understand," said Mr. Hanson, who said that the bill indicates that the Church has used 44,194 cubic feet of water, which equates to 75 gallons per hour for the entire half-year that the meter was running.

The Church's 35-year-old meter was evaluated by the water department and determined to be in fine working condition, but was still subsequently replaced. The Church has an irrigation system in the summer, but according to a consultation from the company who installed the meter, the irrigation system would account for only 14,000 cubic feet of water if run constantly at maximum volume.

The representatives of the Church claimed that there have been two minor leaks: one in a toilet, one in a hot water tank, but neither so serious as to cause the large bill. The grounds have never been soggy, and the basement has never flooded.

"It is a mystery," said Mr. Saltonstall. "It may be an accounting issue or a misreading of the meter." Mr. Saltonstall said that he has checked weekly since receiving the bill, and the water meter on the building is currently operating correctly. At the current rate, the Church is only consuming 5 cubic feet per week.

"The Church over the years has brought a lot to the town and the village," said Mr. Hanson. "We thought you would listen to us. It's no secret. All churches are struggling today. The church business isn't easy, but it's important. I think at this point, it would be fitting to ask the town for some relief on the sewer portion of this bill."

"We are in an uncomfortable situation here," said Selectman Cushing. "We just don't give abatements out. I would be willing to ask [the DPW] more questions. There's no question – that's a lot of money. That's about the equivilant of the water tower being emptied."

Questions about the construction on Front Street being the source of the inflated bill were dismissed, since the water had to pass through the Church's meter in order to be read. Since the irrigation system has been turned off for the winter, it remains a possible source of the problem, and the Board agreed to work with the Church to investigate the water leak source. To avoid penalties and

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fines, the Church paid the bill in December. They hope that the town will be able to provide "relief" from that bill if some error is found.

In his Town Administrator's report, Mr. Dawson informed that the new police station is making "considerable progress" with sheathing and a vapor barrier up. Mr. Dawson wanted the public to know that the bright blue exterior is the vapor barrier, and not the final color of the building.

Mr. Dawson informed the Board and the public that the deadline for warrants for the May 17 Annual Town Meeting is February 26.

The Town House will be receiving a new sign in front of the building, thanks to the help of Upper Cape Regional Technical Vocational School. "I expect in the next couple weeks we will have a sign, and it will be installed in spring," said Mr. Dawson.

In Correspondence, the Board received a letter from Mattapoisett Herring Inspector Robert Martin inviting them to an Annual Town Herring Meeting at the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen's meeting in the Mattapoisett Town Hall conference room on February 23 at 7:05 pm.

The Board also received a letter from Ross Perry from SRPEDD in regards to a study that is being conducted regarding 911 dispatch regionalization. There is no cost to participate in the study, and there is no obligation after the study is complete. The Board voted to participate in the study and to attend the informational meeting on Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 pm in the Dartmouth Town Hall.

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The Board voted to go into executive session at 8:05 pm for the purpose of collective bargaining and litigation.

Pine Island Division of Property Approved

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Laura Pedulli

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board was called to order by John P. Mathieu at 7:30 pm at the Mattapoisett Town Hall. Also present were board members Karen Field and Robert McNamara, Mattapoisett Highway Surveyor Barry J. Denham, and six town residents. Chairman Thomas M. Tucker did not attend the meeting.

The sole agenda item was the submission of a Form A application by Dave Davignon of Schneider and Associates on behalf of property owners Tim and Greta Fox. The parcel in question is located at 2 Pine Island Road.

"This is a continuation of a project that we presented to the Board as a preliminary [in December 2009]. We are here to cut out the two lots at the Pine Island residence," Mr. Davignon said, and he then presented evidence that both lots have at least 150 feet of frontage and 30,000 square feet of lot area required to be cut up.

"This plan is basically a [division of property by right] plan when the applicant asks to cut lots up. If

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they meet those conditions with proper frontage and lot area, we have no choice but to approve," Mr. Mathieu explained. "All we are doing today is cutting lots – not subdividing them."

Mr. Matthieu then explained that if the owners would like to do anything with the back lot, they have to comply with the Subdivision Control Law. This law requires a hearing, during which public comments are weighed on the subdivision itself. During this process, the Board would set specific parameters the subdivision must meet, he said.

The board then approved a motion to accept the plan as submitted.

In addition, the Board accepted a letter from a

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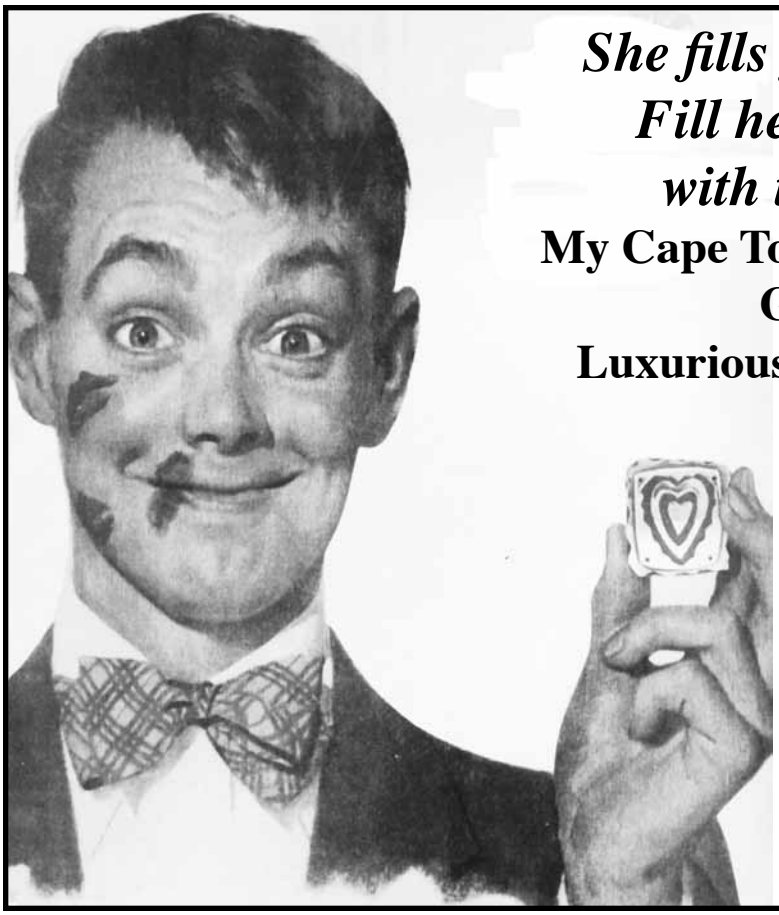

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neighbor abutting the Pine Island property. The neighbor, Richard Poznysz, hired an engineer to assess the property and the letter details concerns regarding sufficient storm water drainage and construction access. This letter will be included in the public dossier for later consideration.

In response to questions about the various plans presented in the past regarding this parcel, Mr. Matthieu explained that he does not comment on plans until a final one is submitted for review. He also stated that wetland conservation issues are under the Conservation Board's purview; however, the Planning Board does review water drainage issues on a "case-by-case basis".

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:00 pm.

Marion to Consider Wind Power By-Laws

Marion Planning Board

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

A regular meeting of the Marion Planning Board was called to order by Vice Chairman Joseph Napoli at 7:20 pm on Monday, February 1, 2010 at the Marion Town House. Also in attendance were Board Members Steve Gonsalves, Patricia McArdle, John Sweeney, Julia Crowley and Jay Ryder and Planning Board Secretary Debra Paiva. Chairman Thomas Magauran was not in attendance.

The first appointment was with Alan Minard of 123 Allen's Point Road. Mr. Minard owns two plots of land off Allen's Point Road and came to the Board asking to transfer one triangular portion of land from the plot he currently occupies to his other plot that he intends on selling. The size of the land to be transferred is roughly half an acre, and the purpose of the transfer would be to secure unimpeded water views for the new owner of the plot of land. After a couple of questions regarding the placement of the home that will be built on the land and driveway placement, the Board felt comfortable with the

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transfer and voted to approve it.

A public hearing for a special permit request under the name Shaw/Johnson at 404/406 Point Road to allow construction of an Association Pier was continued upon request and will be postponed until February 22, at 7:30 pm in the Marion Town House.

There were no bills to approve, so the Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 4 and January 11 meetings, pending a signature change on the January 11 minutes.

In a second appointment, Jill Houck of 21 Cottage Lane came to the Board asking permission to produce baked goods at her current business location at 160 Front Street, which also has frontage on Cottage Street. Ms. Houck, owner of Flour Girls Baking Company LLC, currently manufactures her baked goods from a community kitchen in Dartmouth and said that producing her goods in Marion would improve her efficiency in production.

"It would be paradise," said Ms. Houck. "Lugging things back and forth is exhausting."

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Mr. Ryder recalled that the 300 square foot location that Ms. Houck uses as her storefront in Marion village was once the location of the Jenkins ice cream shop. "I would support [similar] usage in that building," said Mr. Ryder.

The Board asked if the baked goods would be sold elsewhere, and Ms. Houck said that she would sell a wholesale quantity to a natural foods store in Mattapoisett, and possibly a few other locations.

Marion resident Ruth Nicolaci was in the audience at the meeting and expressed support for the bakery. "I think it would be great for Marion to have a business like this in town," said Ms. Nicolaci.

The Board had no objection to Ms. Houck's request and instructed her to proceed in applying for a special permit.

In a second public hearing, Attorney Jack O'Leary represented the Sardinha Family Trust in a request for a change in background color on the Dunkin' Donuts sign at 450 Wareham Road. The request to change the sign background from Radicchio Red to Jackson Tan was approved by the Board without debate.

In an appointment with Norm Hill of the Alternative Energy Commission (AEC), the Board learned of AEC's current efforts to facilitate by-law changes which would allow wind power in Marion's future. AEC, which was formed five years ago, is currently researching areas in Marion that would produce enough wind for the purposes of providing energy to Marion town buildings, like the Town House and Sippican School.

"My understanding is that you are on a fact-finding mission," said Mr. Ryder.

Architect Bill Saltonstall joined Mr. Hill in discussing the wind power effort. "We are not proposing a turbine anywhere," said Mr. Saltonstall. "We are just looking to alter by-laws, and get them in shape."

In addition to the Planning Board, the AEC had plans to meet with the Board of Selectmen, the Zoning Board, and the Financial Committee to discuss by-law changes and the potential benefits of wind power. The by-law changes would need to be approved at Town Meeting.

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Safety measures and setback requirements would be among the issues addressed in the by-laws. One of the locations being investigated by a Feasibility Study for wind power is Great Hill on Delano Road.

According to Mr. Hill, over $750,000 is spent on town electricity.

"We believe we could save the town a lot of money," said Mr. Saltonstall, who cited the annual rise in fossil fuel cost. Mr. Saltonstall said that with new technology called "remote net metering," the turbine could be placed in an optimal wind source and the energy could be harnessed anywhere in town.

To the tip of the blade, the turbines would stand about 450 feet high and would cost about 1.5 to 2 million

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"Do you realize that Dartmouth is currently being sued for safety involved with the blade?" asked Ms. Nicolaci. "So you are looking to bring this up at Town Meeting without knowing the safety involved?" she continued.

"The by-laws would address safety issues," Vice Chairman Napoli responded.

According to Mr. Hill and Mr. Saltonstall, the point of the by-laws would be to make sure that safety and placement would be clearly addressed for future use of wind power.

Ms. Crowley said that Portsmouth Abbey had installed a wind turbine to power their hockey rink. "It is very quiet," said Ms. Crowley. "I know that's what people really wonder about."

Mr. Minard, Chairperson of FinCom, stood and voiced his support for wind power in Marion. "Net metering will let us take energy anywhere. Net savings to the town will cut electricity way down. This is a good idea. This stands to save the town a lot of money. It's good to get the groundwork in place," said Mr. Minard.

"I remember when a house on Point Road had windmills for pumping water," said Ms. Crowley. "The idea [of wind power] is not completely new to Marion."

A memorandum of understanding with Great Hill has been drafted, and Mr. Saltonstall thought that there was a good chance that a Feasibility Study would find the location prime for wind power.

"I think this is a coming thing," said Mr. Swift. "I applaud your group for pursuing it."

The arrangement with Great Hill, which has not yet been detailed, would involve leasing the land or trading power for land usage. Since using private land for municipal usage is unprecedented, these details will be carefully sorted out if the town decides to go forward with the project.

In a following item of discussion, the Board received a letter from Randall Monteiro officially withdrawing his special permit application for a nursery at 454 Wareham Street. An application to use the location as a nursery has been filed by the Sardinha Family Trust

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with the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the public hearing will be held on Thursday, February 4 in the Marion Town House at 7:30 pm.

Ms. Nicolaci asked why the application went straight to the Zoning Board of Appeals. "If no decision was made, what is there to appeal?" she asked.

"It will be taken out of our hands," said Vice Chairman Napoli.

The new application will withdraw a special permit application and instead will look for a change of use. The location at 454 Wareham Road is currently zoned residential.

"There seems to be some confusion about what this land is to be used for," said Mr. Swift.

"I think there was an attempt to push the issue by doing things that were not authorized," said Vice Chairman Napoli.

Ms. Nicolaci said that she had attended the Planning Board meeting because of the Dunkin' Donuts sign color change hearing. She fears that the Sardinha Family Trust, owners of both 450 Wareham Road (Dunkin' Donuts) and 454 Wareham Road (proposed nursery location) will "keep coming back" and said that 454 Wareham Road should remain residential.

In a final agenda item, the Board discussed a requested variance to the Zoning Board of Appeals in regards to "Leo's," a wine and cheese shop on Route 6 in Marion. The owners of the building wish to rent

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the apartment on the second floor of the building that currently houses the shop. The apartment would either be used as a residence or an office. After discussing concerns in regards to the parking issue at the location, the Board ultimately voted to send a letter in favor of the application to the Zoning Board. The Board felt that parking issues could be sorted out as the process goes forward.

There being no more business to attend to, the Board voted to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

K-12 Regionalization Subcommittee Considered

ORR/SU #55 Joint School Committee Meeting

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

A scheduled meeting of the Old Rochester Regional District School and the Massachusetts School Superintendency Union #55 Joint Committee was called to order by Union Committee Chairperson Sharon Hartley and ORR District Chairperson Peter Bangs on January 28, 2010, at 6:30 pm. In addition to the members of the Joint Committee, Superintendent William Cooper, incoming Superintendent Douglas White, Director of Student Services Teresa Hamm, and School Business Administrator Kathleen Isernio were all present.

In the ORR Chairperson report, Dr. Bangs reminded all of the members of the Committees that as public servants, they all must complete an ethics test as part of a new Massachusetts initiative. The results of the

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Dr. Bangs congratulated Rochester and Mattapoisett for choosing to participate in the Race to the Top (RTTT) initiative, but expressed regret that Marion, where his kids attend school and where his wife teaches, and Dartmouth, where Dr. Bangs teaches, did not sign on. Additionally, the ORR district that Dr. Bangs oversees as a Committee Chairperson, did not sign onto the RTTT grant.

Finally, Dr. Bangs thanked everyone who attended the January 23, 2010 retreat, which helped unify the four districts, Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester, and ORR, with open dialogue on strategic goals. "I hadn't seen [the goals] in a while, I'm embarrassed to say," said Dr. Bangs.

In the Union Chairperson's report, Chairperson Hartley referred to the retreat as a "meaningful day" and thanked Superintendent Douglas White for attending, and thanked coordinator Glen Couture from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees for putting together such a helpful program.

Chairperson Hartley referred to Dr. Cooper's retirement party on January 22 as a "poignant" event, and a "great celebration" of the work that Dr. Cooper has done over the years.

In his final Superintendent's report, Dr. Cooper said that he was "blown away" by the retirement party

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that the school committees and the community held for him. "You are terrific people to work for," said Dr. Cooper. "You treated [my wife and me] royally. We were properly taken aback. The book Jane [McCarthy] made was incredible. I thank you for that."

Dr. Cooper went on to further discuss the schools. "I feel good about the condition of the schools," said Dr. Cooper. "I feel good about the team that's in place. I feel good about Doug White. I think you have made a wonderful choice for a new superintendent, and I wish all of you well."

Mr. White thanked the Joint Committee for the retreat, which he described as a "tremendous opportunity to get to know everyone. [It was helpful to find out] where the district is, where it wants to go."

The Joint Committee received an annual update from the Tri-Town Education Foundation, which is a Tri-Town endowment formed three years ago. The foundation gives grants based on the interest of the endowment. Chairperson Susan Grosart said that the endowment currently has $119,344 and that five grants were issued in September 2009, totaling $3,257, over twice the amount that was issued in 2008.

The Tri-Town Education Foundation is seeking new members, according to Ms. Grosart, and would especially appreciate help from former school committee members. They have a "Taste of the Town" event scheduled for June 18.

Ms. Grosart thanked Dr. Cooper for all of his support over the years. "I don't think we would be here without him," said Ms. Grosart.

An endowment such as the Tri-Town Education Foundation works on interest, and "matures" over time. Ms. Grosart said that an example of a mature foundation is the Brookline Education Foundation, which has been in existence for over 25 years, and provides grants and awards to students and teachers.

The subject of K-12 regionalization, which had been tabled at a previous meeting 18 months ago, was once-again broached at the Joint Committee meeting. The topic had been tabled because of the Rochester Memorial School project. Now that the Town of Rochester has approved the construction of a new school, the Tri-Town could once again discuss regionalizing grades K-12.

"What are the advantages and disadvantages of regionalization?" asked Dr. Bangs. "What would it look like?"

Dr. Russell suggested forming a Regionalization Subcommittee, which would consist of school committee members as well as Selectmen and members from the Financial Committees. "It should include a wide range of constituencies," said Dr. Russell.

The members of the Joint Committee expressed strong support for the regionalization expansion. The school districts currently consist of four different committees: Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, and ORR. Regionalizing the elementary school would allow the schools to pool resources and make decisions together.

The Joint Committee agreed to revisit the idea of the Regionalization Subcommittee at the March Joint Committee meeting. In the meantime, the chairpersons from the four school committee will explore the matter further and provide more information at the March meeting.

"It's more important to do this right than quickly," said Dr. Russell.

Next on the agenda, the Joint Committee reviewed and approved a revised Non-Resident Policy for the 4 school districts.

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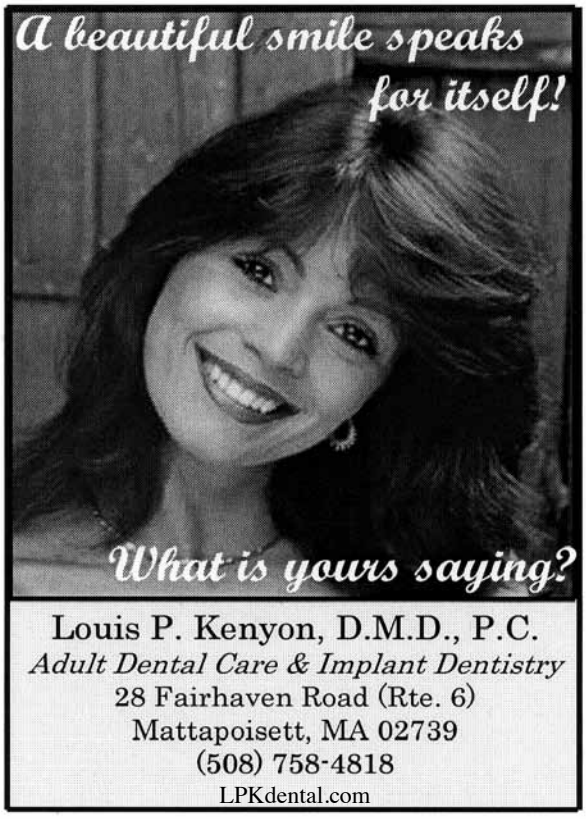
requires residency in the Tri-Town area for attendance at the public schools. Several exceptions were listed, and they included the children of teachers who do not live in the district, and "extraordinary circumstances:" for example, when a student's family moves mid-year and the student wishes to complete the year in the Old Rochester Regional district.

The Joint Committee also revisited the topic of a Transitional Skills program. In December, Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester School Committees had been presented with the idea of an "in-house" program for three area students – one representing each town – in need of special educational services. While the Rochester School Committee had approved the measure, Marion and Mattapoisett School Committees did not.

The "in-house" program would have provided the necessary social workers, teachers, and psychiatric support to the three students in need, but ORR Committee member Joe Scott said that "soft numbers" and pressing need made it difficult for the committees to properly determine the full range of the program's cost.

Ms. Hamm said that the three students have been placed in outer districts, but that she would still like to discuss the matter further, if the event should present itself again.

Mr. Scott said that now that the children are placed in other districts, it is the perfect opportunity for Ms. Hamm to create "hard numbers" and give a full



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report on what the cost-saving potential would be if they chose to create an in-house service to future children in need. Ms. Hamm agreed, and said that she would prepare a cost analysis for the March meeting.

"Would we have this issue in a regionalized district?" Mr. Gordon asked referring to the previous discussion of regionalizing K-12.

"No," said Mr. Scott quickly. "It would be a moot point." Since a K-12 regionalization would include pooling money for special needs students, it is likely that the Transitional Skills program would have been easier to instate if the Tri-Town schools had been fully regionalized at the time.

The Joint School Committee was then given a price list of the school's lunch prices. It was suggested that the schools review the school lunch prices and consider an increase, but not until the 2010/2011 school year to give families time to prepare. The Joint School Committee will receive a more detailed report from Director of Food Services Suzanne Souza at the March meeting.

Union Committee member Jane McCarthy visited an informational meeting at the Carver Library concerning charter schools. According to Ms. McCarthy, the School Committees learned about the meeting from an article that they read in *The Wanderer* and sent a representative to the meeting to learn more about the initiative.

Ms. McCarthy said that there were 18 interested parents there, and Eric Heiser from the Sturgis Charter School in Hyannis gave a presentation on the charter schools and International Baccalaureate (IB) model. The meeting was geared towards addressing the purported benefits of charter schools, like smaller classrooms and a challenging curriculum. Charter schools typically work with a lottery system, and are funded through the local school districts when students choose to attend the charter school instead of their local public schools.

"Remember that the money doesn't come from the state," said Dr. Cooper. "It comes from the school districts."

The Joint Committee was in agreement that the Old Rochester Schools are competitive and give little

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reason for Tri-Town students to want to go elsewhere. "It's still important to be aware of burgeoning activity," said Chairperson Hartley.

The Joint Committee voted to go into executive session at 8:55 pm for the purpose of contractual matters.

School Report

Cheerleaders Support Hugs For Healing

By Anne Smith

Old Rochester Regional has once again gone above and beyond the call of duty for community service and support. In an act of philanthropy, the ORR cheerleaders have organized a fundraiser for Hugs for Healing. Hugs for Healing is a local charity that supports cancer patients. The foundation, which was founded by a family whose mother is a cancer survivor, supplies cancer patients with tote bags in order to make their treatment more comfortable. Each canvas bag, which comes in both blue and pink, contains a HFH journal and pen, a heart-shaped stress toy, a gray sweatshirt, and an HFH registration lanyard. Hugs for Healing hopes that each bag will show patients that they are not alone - there are people who have also fought cancer, and there are others who care about them.

Christine O'Connell-Behan, the founder of Hugs for Healing, describes the foundation as "paying it forward." As the foundation's mission statement says, Hugs for Healing is "our way to extend a 'hug' to those in need and let them know that they are not alone. Our treatment totes will comfort and support those being treated for cancer, reaching out and extending a 'hug' when they need it."

One of the members of the cheerleading team, Mattie Boyle, said that they got involved in fundraising for Hugs for Healing due to personal connections. "We

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have a cheerleader on the team who knows the person who started Hugs for Healing," she explained. The team decided that it would be nice to support the foundation, so they decided to do an in-school fundraiser.

There are three ways for students to donate to Hugs for Healing. The first way is to make any donation to one of the cheerleaders. Those who donate will be given a ribbon to show their support of the foundation. The second way for students to donate is to purchase a link to a chain. These links cost $1.00 each and are inscribed with the words "In the honor of… [cancer patient name]." The homeroom that builds the longest chain will be awarded donuts as a thank you. And finally, students can purchase a bracelet for $2.00. The bracelets come in two colors, pink and blue, and have the website address for Hugs for Healing on them.

There is no definite end to the fundraiser. "We're going to announce the winning homeroom on the Friday before February vacation," Ms. Boyle said. "[The fundraiser] will probably end around then."

Students and Tri-Town community members will still be able to donate to Hugs for Healing at any time, though. The foundation has its own online store where you can purchase sweatshirts, treatment totes, and even supportive hospital attire. Donations can also be mailed to the foundation. One of the ways that the foundation suggests to show your support of cancer patients is to purchase their family support kit, which contains the

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supplies to make your own Hugs for Healing sweatshirt. The sweatshirt was actually something that the O'Donnell-Behan family made when they first found out that cancer had struck their family. If you are interested in learning more about Hugs for Healing or about how to donate, you may visit the foundation's website at www.HugsforHealing.com.

Sport Shorts

By Yulia Motta

This was a very exciting week for our winter athletes. After a tough battle with Avon, **Lady Cougars** managed to pull out a win and take a first place in the **Mayflower Small League**. Lady Cougars have only lost three games this season and have worked really hard to get to where they are. They are hoping to take home the title like they did last year, but do understand that everybody would have to bring their A-game to the court in order for them to accomplish that goal.

After winning ten straight games and one game after **Old Rochester Girls Basketball** Coach Hohne won his 500th game against the Wareham Vikings; Lady Bulldogs fell to Coyle-Cassidy, but were able to bounce back. However, they dropped another non-conference loss to Bishop Stang, who qualified for the playoffs with the win against the Old Rochester Bulldogs. Lady Bulldogs are hoping they will be able to pull themselves together in the playoffs and not let the two losses of the season

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bother them in the postseason, which would matter more. Lady Bulldogs have had a very good season this year and played outstanding basketball, so they are hoping that all the hard work they put into the games and practice will pay off and win them the title this year.

The **Old Rochester Boys Basketball** team is on a successful stretch, winning three of their five games. One of the victories came this Saturday, against East Bridgewater. **Matt Teefy** was a spark for the Old Rochester's offense, hitting six 3-pointers and scoring a career high, 22 points in the game, leading the Bulldogs to a much needed win, with a score of 87-71.

The **Old Rochester/Fairhaven Ice Hockey** team, which qualified for the playoffs last week with their 6-0 victory over Apponequet, continues to play well. This weekend they were able to defeat the Wareham Vikings with the score of 6-1. The scorers were Raymond Lawton with 2 goals, Gage Silva with 2 goals, and Cam Severino and Austin Koeppel each scored one goal.

Each team is proud of its accomplishments this year, and many of them are planning on coming back next year and making a difference. However, as we wrap up this winter season, come out and cheer your team on as they travel the road of playoffs in pursuit of one thing – the championship trophy.

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I'd like to thank the Marion Selectmen, Marion Social Club, all my friends and family for all their support and get well wishes I received during my stay in the hospital.

Sincerely and fondly,
Rose Jackson
Marion

To the Editor:

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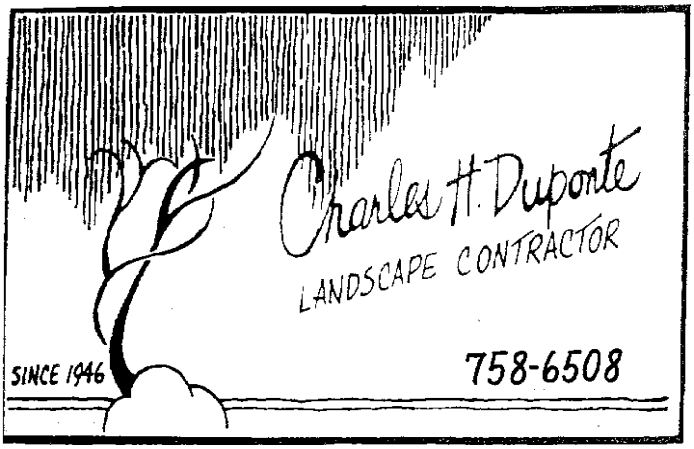

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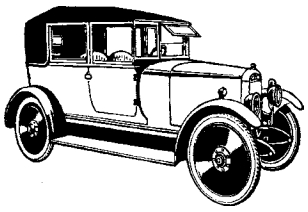
Magic of Music Idol Contest

On Saturday, **March 13**, the Third Annual Magic of Music Idol Contest will take place at the Mattapoisett Knights of Columbus at 6:30 pm. The contest is being held once again to assist in raising money for the Magic of Music Scholarship Program.

Jillian Marie Jensen, facilitator of the Magic of Music Scholarship Program (M.O.M) started the non-profit project in 2007 when she won the title of Miss Massachusetts Teen America 2007. The program was initiated to help kids who needed some financial



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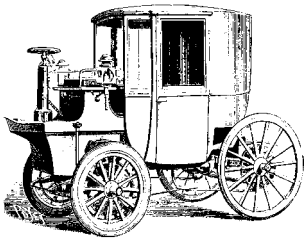

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Former Idol Winners Simone Cardoso and Alexa Cahill will return to the stage to perform and area fine arts teachers will be involved in the judging of the annual contest.

American Legion Meeting

The monthly membership meeting is held at the Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street on the third Wednesday of each month. The meeting this month will be held on Wednesday **February 17** at 7:00 pm in the Hall.

A busy meeting is planned for this month. First order of business will be to finalize the plans for the American Legion spaghetti dinner on March 14. All hands will be needed for a smooth event. Secondly, long range planning for the Clam Bake will begin this month. Now that the Park Street property is safely in the hands of our friends, the Lions, there is much to accomplish in preparation for the event. The commander will report on his actions thus far but the members need to bring their ideas and suggestions to this meeting. This is a DO or DIE event and we all know that we can "DO" it if we work together starting in March! Please make an extra effort to attend.

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Sippican Woman's Club

Author and guest speaker Michael Touglas, will present a gripping slide show of a Cape Cod adventure based on a book he co-authored titled, *The Finest Hour: The True Story Of The U.S. Coast Guard's Most Daring Sea Rescues*, at the Sippican Woman's Club, scheduled for Friday, **February 12**.

All meetings are held at Handy's Tavern, 152 Front Street, and begin with a finger food luncheon

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and tea served at 12:30 pm, followed by a brief business meeting prior to the introduction of the guest speaker.

The Sippican Woman's Club is open to all women who are residents of Marion or whose interests are in Marion. Please contact Jeanne Lake at 508-748-0619 for more information.

Marion Natural History Society Presents

"The Possibilities Of Light In A Cold Place" a program by artist and natural scientist Peter Stone will be held at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street in Marion. The program will take place on **February 13** at 7:00 pm. Admission is $6 for adults, $4 for children.

At a time when our attention has been drawn to fragile arctic environments and the gravity of climate change, Mr. Stone explores the landscapes of Atlantic Canada and Quebec as a metaphor for the human experience. Mr. Stone is a knowledgeable speaker with a contagious enthusiasm for observing and understanding the natural world.

Buzzard's Bay Regatta

The 38th Annual Buzzards Bay Regatta (BBR) will be held on **August 6, 7 and 8**, 2010 and is being hosted by the Beverly Yacht Club in Marion. As it is one of the largest combined One Design and Handicap regattas in North America, the BBR attracts a wide range of competitors and boats from around the country.

BBR 2010 promises to be an exciting regatta. Competitive racing and reliable winds are the Buzzards Bay Regatta's trademarks. Among the classes offered for 2010 are Multi-hulls, PHRF cruising, PHRF racing, IRC, 420s, Lasers, Laser radials, V15's, J/24's, J/80's, Shields and Bullseyes.

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ORR AFS Presents Around the World

The Old Rochester Regional chapter of the AFS (American Field Service) Student Club invites you to the third annual "Around the World: A Multicultural Festival" on Saturday, **February 6**, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Center School. The cost will be $5 per child or $10 per family. All proceeds will benefit the ORR High School AFS Student Club.

There will be games, crafts, songs, music and dancing. Activities are targeted for pre-K through Grade 3 children. Come and explore the world with AFS. Please use the gym entrance.

Hugs for Healing

The Old Rochester Regional varsity cheer squad is raising money for a local foundation called Hugs For Healing. This foundation provides special canvas totes for cancer patients, of all ages. These totes are filled with items that make treatments more bearable and are constant reminders of the love that surrounds a patient. Each item is chosen with comfort in mind: a journal and pen to write down thoughts, a comfortable zip-front sweatshirt, a lanyard for patient ID or family photos and a stress ball.

The cheerleaders are selling paper links for $1 that students can write a person's name in memory of or in honor of. Later these links will be made into a chain. The homeroom with the longest chain will win donuts for their class. Pink and blue bracelets displaying Hugs For Healing are also for sale for $2 each. Many people are also making flat donations to help support this cause. For more information please visit www.hugsforhealing.com or become a HFH fan on Facebook.

Tabor Presents Jesus Christ Superstar

In 1970, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice collaborated on a double concept album entitled Jesus Christ Superstar. The double album was an instant hit, and it took only a year to mount a Broadway production of Webber and Rice's record-selling music. That production garnered five Tony nominations. Within two more years, a West End production followed, one of the

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longest running musicals in London to this day, as well as a movie. In 2000, the film was remade.

JCS tours all over the world, and currently the show is enjoying another national tour with Ted Neeley in the title role. Neeley has been playing the role since the 1970s; he starred both in the original film version and on Broadway. Ironically, Neeley originally auditioned for the role of Judas, believing that character to be the most interesting and most misunderstood in the show. To date, JCS has been staged and revived countless times in as many as fifteen different countries.

JCS lends itself well to ongoing reinterpretations. Tabor Academy's production of JCS focuses on Jesus' status as a modern-day celebrity, and, as such, plays like a cross between a rock concert and a press conference. From Miley Cyrus to Barack Obama, we are surrounded by superstars. With reality television shows and internet sites such as youtube, virtually anyone can achieve superstar status. The girl next door can, and has, become the next celebrity sensation, and Webber and Rice's music and lyrics ask audiences to respond to this celebrity phenomenon.

Tabor's production features local talents such as **Dana Resmini** '10 of Rochester and **Anna Collins** '10 of Marion, both of whom designed the scenery for the show. **Joe Coffey** '13 of East Dennis plays Jesus, and **Aly Scherding** '11 of Brewster plays Mary Magdalene. **Kyler Canastra** '10 of Rochester plays Pilate, **Cal Heavey** '12 of Marion plays Herod, and **Margeau Frigon** '10 of Wareham plays Peter. **Jacob Swift** '12 of Fairhaven and **Cory Zografos** '12 of East Sandwich both double as Apostles and conspirators.

The show will be staged in the Hoyt Performing Arts Center at Tabor Academy Thursday through Saturday, **February 18 through 20**, at 7:30 pm. For tickets, call 508-748-2000 or e-mail wintermusicaltix@taboracademy.org. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

Marion Public Health Announcement

The seasonal and H1N1 flu vaccines are available for free to Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester residents.

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Mattapoisett Council on Aging

Please call us at 508-758-4110 if you wish to learn more about our services. Call to sign up for all listings. Most events are free and open to all.

• Monday, **February 8**: 9:00 Garden Club; 9:00 SHINE; 12:00 Fitness with Karen; 12:30 Fairhaven Marts; 1:00 Scrabble.

• Tuesday, **February 9**: 8:30 Yoga; 8:30 Stop & Shop; 9:30 Public Health Nurse; 12:00 Presentation in Changes in Social Security.

• Wednesday, **February 10**: 10:00 Zumba Gold; 12:00 Fitness with Karen; 1:30 Bingo.

• Thursday, **February 11:** 9:00 Bridge; 9:30 Public Health Nurse; Trip to Museum Fine Arts, Boston.

• Friday, **February 12**: 8:30 Yoga; 8:30 Shaws; 10:00 Cardio Dance Fit; 11:00 speaker: Healthy Eating-Sodium.

Reminders for upcoming weeks:

• Flower Show Trips with motorcoach costs $10. Rhode Island Flower Show is **February 19** and the Boston Flower Show is **March 25**.

• Breakfast buffet at the Hyannis Marriot on **February 23**.

Rochester Softball Registration

Rochester Girls' Softball will be holding

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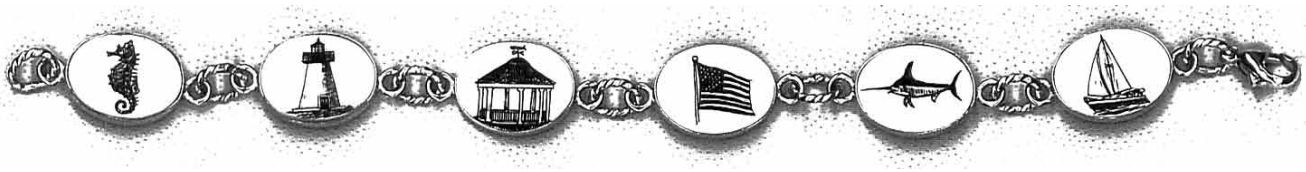

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registration for the 2010 spring softball program on Tuesday, **February 9** at the Rochester Memorial School from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Any girl who lives in Rochester, and is presently in Grades 3 through 8 is welcome. No experience necessary. For more information, please contact Polly Lawrence at 508-763-2072.

Mattapoisett Congregational Pancake Supper

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church will be hosting a Pancake Supper on **February 16** from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at Reynard Hall, 27 Church St. in Mattapoisett. All are welcome to attend for pancakes, sausage, toppings, drinks, and good conversation. There will be a freewill offering to help support the Haitian Relief Fund.

For more information, please call the church office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to noon at 508-758-2671.

School Vacation Video Camps at ORCTV

ORCTV is offering two video production camps to Tri-Town youth. These camps will run during the February and April vacation weeks. Youth will learn digital camcorders, editing and studio production. Space is limited. The cost is $100 per child per session, ages 11-14. Please call ORCTV 508-748-1600 to sign up or for more information. Price includes snacks, T- shirt and Annual Membership.

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Ways to Grow Newsletter

Ways to Grow, the newsletter of the Tri-Town Early Childhood Council, will no longer be mailed to tri-town families. The Winter 2010 newsletter can be accessed at www.oldrochester.org. Click on "Early Childhood," then click on "Useful Documents."

For more information, please call 508-748-1863.

Olympic Presentation at Beverly Yacht Club

On **February 20**, the Beverly Yacht Club will be proud to sponsor another exciting presentation for area sailors. Dean Brenner, Olympic Program Chair, and Anna Tunnicliffe, 2008 Olympic Gold Medalist along with other

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members of the US Sailing Team will share their Olympic sailing experiences. This event is part of a National Tour to bring information about the Olympic Program and its athletes directly to passionate sailors around the country.

Dean Brenner, a former Olympic hopeful himself, will discuss the state of the United States Olympic Sailing Program and will lead the discussion among the Olympic Sailors focusing on what it takes to campaign for a spot representing the United States at the 2012 London Games.

Ms. Tunnicliffe recently announced she will pursue Women's Match Racing as her primary event as she sets her sights on 2012. Her crew will be: Debbie Capozzi, a 2008 Olympian, and Molly Vandemoer. All three sailors will be present to answer questions at the February 20 Beverly Yacht Club event.

Tickets are $15 and will be available at the Music Hall the night of the event or you can make reservations by contacting Kerrie at the Beverly Yacht Club: call 508-748-0540 or email kerrie@beverlyyachtclub.org. Children 18 and under are free.

Center School Kindergarten Registration

Completed Registration Forms for all children entering Kindergarten, and new students entering First Grade can be returned to Center School on either Wednesday, **February 10** from 4:00 - 6:00 pm or on Thursday, **February 11** from 8:45 - 10:45 am in the Cafeteria at Center School. Registration is for parents only.

For information on required immunizations and other enrollment requirements, please contact the Center School. If you have a child who was born before August 31, 2005 and is eligible to enter Kindergarten in August 2010, but will not be entering Kindergarten and/or will be attending a private Kindergarten, please call the office at Center School (508-758-2521) to notify us of your decision not to enter your child in Center School for the 2010-2011 school year. This will enable us to keep an accurate count of the number of students who will be entering Center School in September. If you know of a child who is eligible to enter Kindergarten in September and they did not receive this information about our orientation/registration in the mail, please have them contact Center School so that a registration packet can be forwarded to them.

Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly

The Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly St. Patrick's Day Party will be on **March 18** at noon at the Knights of Columbus in Mattapoisett. Please pick up your free ticket at the Council on Aging in the Center School. There is an elevator at the Center School.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming senior events:

• The Pie Sale will be held at the Seaport next to the Mattapoisett Post Office on **April 3** from 8:00 am until

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• The next Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly movie will be on March 30.

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Remember that the COA rooms are open all week for your convenience. Please come to the Senior Center and meet some people, enjoy lots of games, coffee, tea, and goodies. Someone may be looking for a person with whom to play cards or Scrabble.

Mattapoisett Democratic Caucus

Registered Democrats in Mattapoisett will be holding a caucus on Saturday, **February 13** at 11:00 to 12:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Public Library lower-level meeting room. The purpose of the caucus is to elect delegates to the Democratic State Convention to be held in Worcester on Saturday, June 5. A total of four delegates will vote to endorse Democratic candidates for statewide offices.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Mattapoisett. Candidates for delegate and alternates

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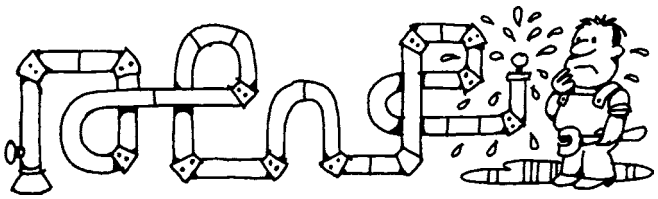

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9:00 AM – Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 AM – The First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM – Physician Focus
11:30 AM – White House Chronicles
Noon – The Commonwealth Report – With Sen. Marc Pacheco
12:30 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
1:00 PM - Free Minds TV
2:00 PM – Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM – The First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM – The New Testament Church of Cedarville
5:30 PM - 2009 Marian Medal Awards Ceremony - Diocese of Fall River
6:30 PM - New England Job Show
7:30 PM – Gallery Talk – A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
8:00 PM – The Sippican Historical Society Presents
11:00 PM - Explore
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Monday Feb. 8, 2010
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Marion Art Center Artstart 2009
9:30 AM – New England Job Show
10:00 AM – Arts and Ideas
10:30 AM – Second Act
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:00 PM – Words of Peace
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
7:30 PM – Healthwise Alternatives
8:00 PM – Sharing Miracles
8:30 PM – Physician's Focus
9:00 PM – Clean Power Now
9:30 PM – Around BCC
10:00 PM – Smart Boating
10:30 PM – Life Matters
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Tuesday Feb. 9, 2010
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Seniors on the Move
10:30 AM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – The Wanderer Presents
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:00 PM – Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy - Abel Grace
4:30 PM – Senior Scene
5:00 PM – Community Arts in Action
5:30 PM – Expedition New England
6:00 PM - 2009 Marian Medal Awards Ceremony - Diocese of Fall River
7:00 PM – HomeFront
8:00 PM – Gallery Talk – A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
8:30 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
11:30 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
Midnight – Midnight Mausoleum

Wednesday Feb. 10, 2010
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Gardening Rhythms
10:30 AM – Cooking With Marie
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
5:00 PM – Gallery Talk – A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
5:30 PM – Second Act TV
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM – White House Chronicle
7:30 PM – The Commonwealth Report – With Sen. Marc Pacheco
8:00 PM – Midweek Politics with David Pakman
9:00 PM – The Dr. Is In
9:30 PM – Sharing Miracles
10:00 PM – Fox Robbins Business Show
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
Midnight – Midnight Movie
1:30 AM – Sci-Fi Journal

Thursday Feb. 11, 2010
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - Midweek Politics with David Pakman
10:00 AM – Kids a Cookin'
10:30 AM - Homefront
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:00 PM – 2009 Marian Medal Awards Ceremony - Diocese of Fall River
5:00 PM - Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy - Abel Grace
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – Music Hour
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM – Midnight Mausoleum

Friday Feb. 12, 2010
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Gardening Rhythms
10:00 AM – Green By Design
10:30 AM – Healthwise Alternatives
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
5:00 PM – Community Arts in Action
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM – Fox Robbins Business Show
7:30 PM – Healthwise Alternatives
8:00 PM – Homefront
8:30 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
9:00 PM – Gallery Talk – A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
9:30 PM - New England Job Show
10:00 PM – Ampersand
11:00 PM – Around BCC
11:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
Midnight – Friday Night Drive-In Theater Midnight Movies

Saturday Feb. 13, 2009
8:00 AM – Classic Cartoon Festival
10 AM - Marion Art Center Artstart 2009
10:30 AM – NASA 360
11:00 AM – Expedition New England
11:30 AM – Kids a Cookin'
Noon – Gallery Talk – A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
12:30 PM – Around BCC
1:00 PM – New England Daycations
1:30 PM – U-Mass Dartmouth Sports
4:30 PM – Expedition New England
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – Music Hour
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM - Saturday Fright Special

MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule
8:30 AM – Latest School Committee Meeting
11:00 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting
12:15 PM – Marion Affordable Housing Trust
2:00 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM - Latest School Committee Meeting
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
9:00 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
9:30 PM - Marion Affordable Housing Trust

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
9:00 AM – Latest School Committee Meeting
11:30 AM – Tri-Town Selectmen's Meeting
1:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
2:00 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting
4:30 PM – Latest School Committee Meeting
6:30 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM – Tri-Town Selectmen's Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 18
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule
8:00 AM – RMS Moon Drop Investigation
9:00 AM – Life After ORR – Molly McCarthy
10:00 AM – ORRHS 2010 Talent Show
11:00 AM – ORRHS Girls Basketball vs. Wareham
12:30 PM - ORRHS Boys Basketball vs. Seekonk
1:30 PM - 2010 King Day of Service at ORRHS
2:20 PM - RMS 5L Weather Reports
3:00 PM - RMS Moon Drop Investigation
4:00 PM - 4th Grade NASA Presentation
5:00 PM – Life After ORR – Molly McCarthy
6:30 PM – RMS 5L Weather Reports
8:00 PM – ORRHS 2010 Talent Show
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must consent to nomination in writing and be present at the caucus. Those not elected may apply to be add-on delegates in the following categories: youth, minority, and disabled.

Discrimination on the basis of age, economic status, ethnic identity, gender, national origin, race, religion or sexual orientation is strictly prohibited by the caucus rules of conduct. Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 56 Roland St., Suite 203, Boston, Ma 02129 no later than ten days after the caucus date.

For additional information, please contact Jeff Riley, Chairperson, at 508-728-5161.

Rochester Democratic Caucus

The Rochester Town Democratic Caucus will be held at the Rochester Town Hall on Saturday, **February 13** for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the 2010 Democratic Convention Saturday, June 5, 2010 in Worcester, Ma. Delegates must have been registered voters by December 31, 2009. Residents who are registered Democrats in the town of Rochester are eligible to attend as delegates; however, you must attend the Caucus in order to be elected. Registration will start at 9:00 am and the Caucus will begin promptly at 10:00 am. If anyone has any questions regarding the Caucus or would like to become involved with the Rochester Town Democratic Committee, please contact Carol St. Don at 508-763-2795.

Gateway Babe Ruth Signups

Gateway Babe Ruth is now accepting on line registrations for the 2010 Baseball Season. Players living in the towns of Carver, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester and Wareham who will be 13, 14 or 15 years of age before May 1, 2010 are eligible to play. To download registration forms, go to www.gatewaybaberuth.org. Forms must be submitted by **March 23**, 2010. Tryouts will be conducted for each League. Dates are listed on the website. All parents are encouraged to volunteer their time to the Gateway League. For more information go to www.gatewaybaberuth.org,

Tri-County Symphonic Band

The Tri-County Symphonic Band is proud to feature euphonium soloist Bonnie Denton, who will be performing the "Fantasy for Euphonium" by Philip Sparke at the "Sparke, Smith and Sousa" concert on **February 7**, 3:00 pm at the Old Rochester Regional High School in Mattapoisett.

Denton is a Musician First Class with the United States Coast Guard Band. She began playing the euphonium at the age of 9 in her hometown of Fairfield, IL. She soon began dreaming of a life-long career in music, and at the age of 16, left home to pursue that dream. Denton earned her high school diploma from Interlochen Arts Academy in Interlochen, MI, a bachelor's degree in both music performance and education from

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Obituaries

Margaret M. "Midge" (Russell) Briggs, 64, of Marion died January 30, 2010 in the Cape Cod Nursing Home, Buzzards Bay after a long battle with Multiple Sclerosis. She was the wife of Henry R. Briggs and the daughter of the late Myles F. and Grace E. (Coyne) Russell.

She was born in Wareham and lived there for many years before moving to Marion in 1970. She graduated from Wareham High School and attended Westfield State College. Mrs. Briggs worked as a telephone operator and later as assistant manager in the business office at the telephone company for many years before retiring.

She was a communicant of St. Rita's Church and a member of the Telephone Company Pioneers. She was a loving wife, sister and wonderful friend to many people through thick and thin.

Survivors include her husband, Henry R. Briggs of Marion; a sister, Mary Lou Blair and her husband George of Falmouth; 2 brothers, Jim Russell and his wife Ella of Eastham and Jack Russell of Boston; 8 nephews; 8 nieces and several great nephews and great nieces.

Arrangements by the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., (Rte.28), Wareham.

Esther M. (McCarthy) Sullivan, 97, of New Bedford died peacefully Monday, January 25, 2010 at St. Luke's Hospital after a period of declining health. A lifelong resident of New Bedford, she was the widow of Francis S. Sullivan, who died in 1973, and daughter of the late James L. and Catherine (Monahan) McCarthy.

A homemaker, she volunteered as a Brownie and Girl Scout leader and at the Rose Hawthorne Lathrop Home, as well as with the fundraising activities at her church, Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, where she was an active member of the Women's Guild. She also was a member of the Catholic Women's Club and the Daughters of Isabella.

Esther was one of two surviving graduates of Holy Family High School, Class of 1929. An avid reader, knitter, seamstress, bowler, and card player, she delighted in having her family and friends gather to share music, dance, discuss politics and the Red Sox, and to enjoy her famous toll house cookies.

She most treasured her daughter, Martha S. Osborne and her husband Jim of Mattapoisett; her three grandchildren, Kateri Lohr and her husband Ted of Hood River, OR, Erin O'Connell and her husband Greg of Bethesda, MD, and Matthew Osborne and his wife Andrea of Boston; and two great-grandchildren, Katie Lohr and Nate O'Connell. She was the sister of James L. McCarthy of Glendale, AZ, and the late Eugene, Catherine, Frances, Rose and Barbara.

Esther was an inspiration to all who knew and loved her. A private family funeral service was held at the Saunders-Dwyer Home for Funerals, 495 Park St., New Bedford. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery. A Memorial Mass in celebration of her life, to which relatives and friends will be invited to attend, will be held in the summer at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Catholic Social Services, 1600 Bay St., P.O. Box M, South Station, Fall River, MA 02724. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Clovis A. "Toby" Gauthier, 75, of Acushnet passed away peacefully on Friday January 29, 2010 surrounded by his family at St. Luke's Hospital after a brief illness. He was the former husband of the late Priscilla (Ashley) Lafferty and the late Beverly (Paulino) Brito. Born in New Bedford, the son of the late Joseph A. and Mae A. (DeMoranville) Gauthier, he lived in New Bedford most of his life before moving to Acushnet.

In 1959, Toby joined the New Bedford Police Department and served as a Detective Sergeant. During the 1970's, he became Commander of the Organized Crime Intelligence Unit. He was a member of the Bristol County Narcotic Enforcement Association. He later was promoted as the Police-appointed Prosecutor of the Third District Court in New Bedford and served until his retirement. For half a century, he was affiliated with the Sixth Bristol Club of New Bedford serving as President and for many years as the Club General Manager until his retirement in February 2009. During the years, he was instrumental with the Club's Community activities and fundraising, especially the "Christmas Neediest Family Fund".

He was a U.S. Navy veteran serving on the USS Antietam, having one of the country's first angled flight deck. He enjoyed fishing, especially with his son, and spending time with his three dogs, Molly, Shuki and Dawson.

Survivors include a son, David Gauthier and his wife Linda of Rochester and their children, Justin Gauthier and his wife Katherine of El Paso, TX and Connor Gauthier of Rochester; a daughter, Cindy Nichols and her husband Bruce of North Fort Myers, FL and their children, Joshua Charbonneau and his wife Monica of New Bedford and Jennifer Rucker of North Fort Myers, FL; five great-grandchildren, Kasey, Morgan, Caitlyn, Kendel and Angela; a daughter by marriage, Cheryl Morey of Mattapoisett; a brother, Robert V. Gauthier and his wife Julie of North Dartmouth; a sister, Colette Brightman and her husband Donald of Acushnet; his beloved companion of 17 years, Bette Thomas of Acushnet and her son, Michael Thomas and his wife Michelle and their children, Lily Rose and Abigail, her daughter, Kristen Lancaster and her husband James and their children Kyle and Kathryn, and her daughter Susan Moreira and her husband Paul and their daughter Brooke; and many nieces, nephews and beloved friends. He was the brother of the late Ulderic Masse and Mary Slowik.

Arrangements by the Saunders-Dwyer Home For Funerals, 495 Park St. New Bedford. Remembrances may be made to the Animal Rescue League of New Bedford, 31 Ventura Drive, Dartmouth, MA 02747.

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Ithaca College in Ithaca, NY, and began graduate studies at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. While attending Eastman, Bonnie won a position with the United States Military Academy Band at West Point, NY, and served in the Army for three years. While at West Point, Bonnie married Coast Guard Band tubist Richard Denton and moved to Connecticut at the end of her enlistment. She continued to teach and perform and also earned a degree in massage therapy before joining the United States Coast Guard Band in December 2006.

Please visit our website at www.TriCountySymphonicBand.org for a chance to win free tickets to the February 7 concert, courtesy of a generous gift from Dino Pimental of West Wareham. Tickets may be purchased at the BookStall in Marion and Symphony Music Shop in Dartmouth. Any remaining tickets will be available at the door, first-come first-serve. Tickets are $10 (Students $5, Children 12 and under free).

Lions Club News

• **1000 Pairs of Eyeglasses Donated** – Donald Correia, past District Governor and past President of the Mattapoisett Lions Club, recently donated 1000 pairs of eyeglasses on behalf of the Lions at the mid-winter conference in Plymouth to the district eyeglass committee. These eyeglasses are then washed and sorted and through a partnership with the Barnstable County Sheriff's office. The eyeglasses are then read with a Lensometer and categorized by prescription. In 2009, the Lions in Massachusetts collected and donated 32,025 pairs of used eyeglasses to third world nations, such as Paraguay, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ghana and Kenya. Eyeglass collection boxes are located at the Mattapoisett Laundromat, the Council on Aging and at the office of Dr. Jeffrey Swift. The Lions members wish to thank all those who donated eyeglasses and helped make this possible.

• **Upcoming Meeting** – Our next regular meeting is Wednesday, **February 10** at 6:30 pm at the Chowder House. Guest speaker will be Michael Gagne, our new town administrator. So please come meet Mr. Gagne and give him a welcome.

• **Dinner Caberet** – The Dinner Cabaret show on Saturday, **March 20** at the Knights of Columbus. More information to follow.

• **Senior Turkey Dinner** – Seniors mark your calendars – the Senior Turkey Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, **April 24** at noon at the Congregational Church Hall.

• **Harbor Days** – Despite these frigid

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Editor's Pick of the Week

Marion Artist Featured on Freedom Trail

Anne O'Brien-Kakley
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Art and creativity have been driving forces in Thomas Lynch's life since he was a child. At seven years old, his parents noticed his unusual talent, and made sure he received special art classes to foster his gifts. Now, the Marion resident continues to thrive in the field of art, and has made a living from his passion.

Throughout school, Mr. Lynch made art a central aspect to his education, and attended the Swain School of Design for Graphic Design and Exhibition Design. While his kids were younger, Mr. Lynch worked as an Art Director and Senior Designer for various firms and corporations. Although art remained at the heart of his career, fine art – such as paintings and sculptures – took a backseat while he worked for a paycheck.

Now, with the kids grown, Mr. Lynch is focusing more on expanding his artwork portfolio. His work incorporates texture, history, artifacts, and combines it into interesting displays that present a comprehensive timeline.

Although Mr. Lynch's work spans private collections, an exhibition at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, and graphic artwork for The Fours in Boston, his most noteworthy achievement to date has been creating the artwork for the oldest American restaurant in operation: The Union Oyster House in Boston.

Directly on the Freedom Trail, the Union Oyster House is not just a restaurant, but a living piece of history. Although there are no records giving the exact construction date of the brick building that houses the restaurant, Union Street itself was laid out in 1636. As a restaurant, it has only known three owners from 1826 to present day, and its history includes a stint as a dry goods store, a lodging place for future French King Louis-Phillippe, and the location of *The Massachusetts Spy*, a newspaper from the American Revolutionary War period. The building was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 2003, and one booth is dedicated to President John F. Kennedy, who was a regular at the establishment.

Mr. Lynch created the artwork that adorns the walls of the old restaurant. He used his experience in exhibition design and his love of history to create artwork that celebrates the rich past of the building and the area.

Three-dimensional relief framed artwork – not quite paintings, but not quite sculptures – line the walls at the Union Oyster House. These pieces depict the various iconic stops on the Freedom Trail: the Old North Church, the Paul Revere House, Faneuil Hall, the Old South Meetinghouse, the Boston Massacre site and more. Using wood, paint and various materials, the relief paintings capture the old world feel of Boston's historical district. In a loft, a Freedom Trail shadow box constructed by Mr. Lynch creatively displays rope, old oyster shells, an American flag, old menus, lithographs of great men like Daniel Webster, newspaper clippings about the Oyster House and other various artifacts pertaining to the Freedom Trail. Individually, the items might be forgettable, but combined, they capture the essence of the Freedom Trail and the American Revolution.

In addition to his work at the Oyster House, Mr. Lynch has made exhibits using boat replicas and uniforms for the Mass Maritime Visitor's Center, a metal sculpture that is displayed in front of the science building at LaSalle Academy, fine art oil paintings, and sports-themed original artwork for Fenway Park, Boston Garden, Boston Bruins, Providence Bruins, and the Pawtucket Red Sox. Mr. Lynch's artwork is becoming synonymous with Boston traditions.

One of Mr. Lynch's proudest achievements is the storybook series of artwork that he created for the emergency room at Boston Children's Hospital. The series depicts a long ocean journey, and Mr. Lynch thinks that the piece is appropriate for children who are frightened on their medical journey – to him, the artwork reassures the children that, as scary as the journey gets, the ending will be a happy one.

Mr. Lynch's old friend and former schoolmate, Jay Conway, describes Mr. Lynch's artwork as "incredible" and says that the work is the product of a "really humble, hardworking, diligent individual."

Mr. Lynch hopes to secure a spot in a Boston or New York art gallery, and is currently working on a website that will display his work. The website, when launched, will be THLynchDesigner.net. In the meantime, Mr. Lynch's work can be viewed at the aforementioned sites. Consider taking a daytrip to discover the iconic artwork that this Tri-Town artist has created.

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temperatures, it's hard to believe that Harbor Days is just around the corner, kicking off on Sunday, **July 11** with the triathlon and culminating that weekend with the craft fair.

Interested in joining a wonderful service organization whose motto is "We Serve" and where every penny raised from the public must be returned to the public? Please see our website at www.mattapoisettlionsclub.org.

ORR Youth Lacrosse

Registration is open for Old Rochester Youth Lacrosse Spring Season 2010. Tri-Town girls and boys Grades 1-8 are welcome. Go to the Old Rochester Lacrosse website to register. For more information, visit www.orylax.com.

You may also obtain information by contacting: info@orylax.com or amcintire@arm-co.com; Chris Donley at 508-763-0096; Andrew McIntire at 508-758-3803.

Interested in bringing Lacrosse to ORR High School? Contact Kristi Marshall at Kristi.marshall@comcast.net. ORYLAX is sponsored by the Mattapoisett Recreation Department.

South Coast Chamber Music Society

The South Coast Chamber Music Society's 10th anniversary season continues to present a legacy of great compositions with concerts at 5:00 pm on Saturday, **March 20**, at St. Gabriel's Church in Marion, and at 5:00 pm and on Sunday, **March 21**, at Grace Episcopal Church in New Bedford at 3:00 pm.

Tickets may be purchased for $18 and ordered in advance by calling 508-295-2968, or at the door on the day of the concert. The box office opens 30 minutes before each concert. Attendees 16 and under are encouraged and admitted free of charge. Both concert venues are wheelchair accessible. For more information on SCCMS programs, ticket purchases, and directions please visit our website, www.southcoastchambermusic.org or call 508-295-2968.

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TriTown Happenings

Right: Members of the Mattapoisett Boy Scout Troup 53 took a winter hike up Mount Monadnock on January 30, 2010. They braved cold winds and worked their way down the White Dot Trail. Those interested in the Boy Scout Troop 53 should contact Bill Fuchs at billfuchs3@aol.com. Photo courtesy of Bill Fuchs.

Below: A large evergreen tree at the North Rochester Cemetary was uprooted in the January 25, 2010 storm that brought heavy rain and strong wind to the region. The tree's fall knocked over one stone, belonging to Roland Beaulieu. Photo by Anne O'Brien-Kakley.

Above: On Saturday, January 30, 2010 Marion's Scouts Pack 32 held the first Pine Wood Derby in three years. The Derby was held at the Sippican School where scouts raced cars weighing less than 5 ounces down a sloped wooden track. Everyone cheered as the wooden cars raced down the track in packs or four. Photos by Felix Perez.

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by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

The South Coast Chamber Music Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring great achievements by presenting high quality chamber music to Greater New Bedford and the communities of Southeastern Massachusetts.

Marion Natural History Museum

• **Picnic in the Past** – There will be a Friday evening program at the Museum on **February 26**, on the archaeology of Southeastern Massachusetts from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Bring your picnic blanket and sit back with the family to learn about who lived in our home before we did. Program partially funded by the Marion Cultural Council.

Upcoming After-school Programs:

• **February 10** – Birds at the feeder. Let's get to know who's who at your bird feeder. Avid birder Mark Sylvia will introduce us to some of the more common birds we see at our feeder during the winter months.

• **March 10** – Butterflies of the museum with museum director Elizabeth Leidhold. We will be looking at the museum's historic butterfly displays and working on a project. Cost is $4.00 per child, $6.00 per adult or $10.00 per family.

Tri-Town Early Childhood News

Applications for project grow for the 2010/2011 school year will be mailed to families the first week of February. Enrollment is open to all children residing in the towns of Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester who were born between September 1, 2005 and August 31, 2007. If you do not receive your application by **February 8**, please call the Early Childhood Office to request one at 508-748-1863.

Plumb Library News

• **Scarves for Soldiers** – On Tuesday, **February 16**, the "Scarves for Soldiers" project will begin. Anyone who can knit or crochet, or any one who wants to learn, can stop by at 2:30 and pick up supplies and an information sheet to knit or crochet a scarf for a soldier in Afghanistan.

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Materials will be provided, and refreshments will be served, thanks to the Friends of Plumb Library. Anyone wishing to donate supplies may speak to the Library Director.

Monetary donations, to cover purchasing of materials and shipping, are also welcome. All scarves should be finished by November 11, Veteran's Day. Help sessions will be held on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. For more information, call the library at 508-763-8600 or e-mail info@plumblibrary.com.

• **Science of Polymers** – On Thursday, **February 18** at 4:00 pm, children ages 5 and up can learn about the science of polymers, also known as "slime", with Mad Science. Pre-registration is required, and Rochester

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PanNeubean Steel

Center School children jumped, danced and clapped to the irresistibly-happy music of PanNeubean Steel. While the snow fell outside, the steel drum took the audience away to a warmer climate on January 28, 2010. Photo by Anne O'Brien-Kakley.

Above: Tropical fish and other ocean dwellers were created by children at the Center School to decorate the stage for the PanNeubean Steel musical performance.

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residents have first preference. Call the library or drop by to register.

• **Junior Friends Meeting** – The Junior Friends will be meeting on Thursday, **February 18** at 6:00 pm for a business meeting, pizza and soda, and a rousing game of "Apples to Apples". Please check with Lisa or the Director if you are a Rochester resident between the ages of 10-15 and would like to be a Junior Friend.

• **Non-Fiction Reading Group** – The Non-Fiction Book Discussion group will be reading *The Glass Castle*, a memoir by Jeannette Walls. With a brilliant but flawed father, and a free-spirit mother, the Walls kids had to raise themselves. They all survived the nomadic lifestyle and grinding poverty to become successful. The reading group will discuss this book on Monday, **February 22** at 6:30 pm.

• **Cafe Parlez** – The February book for the Cafe Parlez Book Discussion Group is *Shopgirl*, by Steve Martin. Martin, usually known for his comedic talents, breaks away from his normal routine to write this novella about a young store clerk and her love life. Made into a movie in 2005, it starred Martin, and Claire Danes. Cafe Parlez will discuss the book and/or the movie on Thursday, **February 25** at 6:30 pm.

• **Trustee Needed** – The Trustees for the Joseph Plumb Memorial Library are seeking to fill vacant seats on the Board. The Trustees would like to invite members of the Rochester community who have an interest in libraries to contact Library Director Gail Roberts, either by dropping by the library, calling 508-763-8600, or e-mailing groberts@sailsinc.org. Anyone interested in becoming a Trustee is invited to attend the next meeting on Saturday, **February 6**, 2010 at 8:30 am.

Commitment to this Board is at least 1 to 2 hours per month. Meetings are usually held on the second Saturday of every month from 8:30 to 10 am throughout the year. Qualifications necessary to fill this post include a belief in the library and its role in the community and a willingness to advocate when necessary.

For more information on the vacancy and the requirements, please come to the February 6 meeting or contact Library Director, Gail Roberts, for more information.

For more information on these or any programs at the library, call 508-763-8600 or email info@plumblibrary.com.

Mattapoisett Free Public Library

• **Tax Forms Available** – Federal tax forms are available at the library in the Reading Room. The staff can also help you copy or download forms that are not in the library in print format.

• **Haiti Display and Resources** – For this interested in making a contribution to assist the residents of Haiti in need, there is a poster display and handout of charity organizations in the foyer of the library.

• **We're on Overdrive** – Are you interested in downloading books and music to your computer or MP3 player but not sure how? Stop by the library and ask the staff about the SAILS network's Overdrive ebooks. You can also visit the library's web site www.mattapoisettlibrary.org for access to the SAILS database. Click on Digital Books to see the hundreds of titles available for free. Be sure to have your library card handy to log on and check out books and audio items.

• **Read and Play Away** – Don't have an MP3 player or iPod? The library circulates playaways, which are small MP3 players that hold one book each for listening. Supply your own headphones and you are ready to go! Great for listening while walking and exercising! The collection is near the audiovisual items near the Circulation Desk.

• **Winter Storytimes** – The Winter Storytime series began January 12. Please call the Children's Department for more details at 508-758-4171. Family story time is the first Saturday of each month at 10:30 am. It is open to everyone, and families are encouraged to bring their favorite books to share.

• **Chess Club** – Students age 5 and up are welcome to Wednesday nights Chess Club! Beginners and more advanced players gather at 6:30 pm to play and share strategies. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your chess set.

• **Lego Club** – Meetings of the Library's Lego Club will kick off in March on a Saturday afternoon! Until

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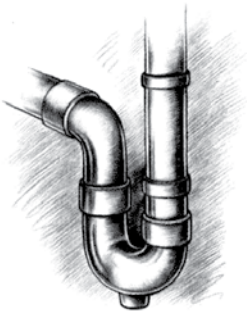

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Lethal Weapon

By Rob Gonsalves
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***Edge of Darkness*. Starring Mel Gibson and Ray Winstone. Directed by Martin Campbell. Running time: 108 minutes. MPAA rating: R.**

He's been offscreen for some years, so we may have forgotten that Mel Gibson does crazy-obsessed better than anyone. Gibson is convincing in the full throes of rage, but he also plays gradations and variations; occasionally you'll see his character do the mental equivalent of dousing himself with ice water so that he can focus. What Gibson gives us in *Edge of Darkness* goes far beyond what's written for him. His Thomas Craven, grieving his murdered daughter and barreling through everyone to find out why she was killed, is a portrait in desolation. Craven is sick down to his bones over the loss, and when his daughter (as a little girl) sometimes appears to him and he talks to her, he doesn't even seem very surprised she's there.

The rest of *Edge of Darkness* is a rather by-the-numbers corporate thriller. Craven's daughter, you see, was working for a shady nuclear-development organization, and ... yeah, I really didn't care. Craven's opponents, including a slick-as-goose-crap Danny Huston, are generally such a wimpy bunch that there's no doubt justice will be served and the daughter will be avenged. Though smoothly directed by Martin Campbell (who also helmed the 1985 British miniseries the film is based on), the movie is short on twists, intrigue and ingenuity; Craven is a Boston detective but hardly does any detective work (mainly he just beats information out of people). But I wonder if it's really meant to be a thriller.

Early on, after Craven's daughter has been shotgunned in front of him and she dies in his arms, Craven is finally alone in his bathroom, wiping her blood off his face with a hand towel. What happens next is perfect, particularly since it's never referred to again: Craven stuffs the bloody towel into a glass, while the blood on his hands gets rinsed down the drain. It's such a weird, personal detail (I don't know if it's a holdover from the miniseries); it's as if he can't bear to let her blood — *his* blood — get washed away. Gibson walks heavily through the plot, making Craven almost physically anguished, in a daze of grief and guilt (the suggestion that Craven was the real target is short-lived).

Ray Winstone turns up as a mysterious fixer who cleans up the messes made by the powerful. I couldn't understand half of what he said, but he and Gibson make an unstable, mutually wary team. Winstone's character is reflective; near the end of his life, he has no children, nobody to bury him, nothing to show for the choices he's made. The conversations between these two men generally start off relevant to the mystery and then head off into sadly philosophical directions.

But then we're yanked back into the thriller apparatus, with men in dark suits plotting in cold, gleaming rooms, and people performing info-dumps and then getting knocked off on cue. These scenes are staged with a perfunctory let's-get-this-over-with vibe. The soul of the movie is the two heavy-hearted men trying to set things right before they're through. This isn't *Ikiru,* so Craven doesn't build a playground — he just shoots people in the kneecaps. But the essence is somewhat the same. The final scene will strike some as goofy, but to me it felt earned (and ambiguous — it could be a hallucination). *Edge of Darkness* is about father-daughter devotion and what happens to it when the daughter dies. And Gibson brings his full tormented game: whatever's wrong with the movie, it isn't him.

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• **Young Adult Advisory Board** – The next meeting of TOM, Teens of Mattapoisett, is Tuesday, **February 9** from 6:30 to 7:45 pm in the Meeting Room. An enthusiastic group of junior and high school students from various schools are assisting the staff in developing the library's Young Adult program. Students who would like to get involved and help plan our programs and activities for young adults are welcome to participate! Contact Jan Bolton for more information at 508-758-4171.

• **Writers' Group** – The Mattapoisett Library Writers' Group meets every first and third Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Marine Room. The next meeting will be **February 2**. All genres are discussed in a supportive and cordial get-together. Everyone is welcome.

• **New Museum Pass** – The library bean offering passes to the Museum of Contemporary Art in Boston as of January, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. For more details check the library's website at mattapoisettlibrary.org and the website for the museum: icaboston.org. Wonderful exhibits, lectures and programs, gifts and a restaurant should more than make the trip worthwhile! Help to relieve the many short days of winter with a museum trip. Visit the library or check the website to make reservations with your library card.

Need help or have a question? Many museum passes are available. Call the staff! 508-758-4171 or visit the library's website www.mattapoisettlibrary.

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Elizabeth Taber Library

• **Winter Programs 2010** – Every day during the winter has Drop-In Crafts in the Children's Room at the Elizabeth Taber Library. Children of all ages are invited to enjoy the activities.

• **Tales for Twos** – An 8-week series of story times for children between the ages of 24 and 39 months runs through **February 24**. The half-hour of stories, finger plays and crafts will be offered on Wednesday mornings at 10:30

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Tri-Town Police Logs

MARION

Log highlights January 24-January 30

•Olde Knoll Rd – Animal complaint
•County Rd – Fire alarm
•Front St – Motor vehicle stop
•Parlowtown Rd – Paper service
•Delano Rd – General service
•Main St – Animal complaint
•Bullivant Farm Rd – Suspicious vehicle
•Spring St – Fraud
•South St – Health/welfare
•Reservation Way – Burglar alarm
•Point Rd – Officer wanted
•River Rd – Medical emergency
•Union St – General service
•Ichabod Ln – vandalism
•Joanne Dr – Health/welfare
•Wareham Rd – Animal complaint
•Hastings Rd – Suspicious activity
•Water St – Burglar alarm
•Wareham Rd – Noise complaint
•Wareham Rd – Fireworks complaint
•Quail's Crossing Rd – Animal complaint
•Front St – Motor vehicle stop
•Creek Rd – Health/welfare check
•Mill St – General service
•Blueberry Way – Suspicious motor vehicle
•Barnabas Rd – Burglar alarm
•Wareham Rd – Motor vehicle stop/arrest
•South St – General services
•Olde Farm Rd – Suspicious vehicle
•Wareham Rd – Motor vehicle stop

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights January 24-January 30

•Tallman St – Alarm, burglar
•Main St – 911 call
•Church St – Property lost
•County Rd – 209A service
•North St – MV violations
•Tallman St – General services
•Goodspeed Island – Animal control
•County Rd – MV crash/hit&run
•Brandt Island Rd – General service
•Tallman St – Assist citizen
•Fairhaven Rd – Safety/road hazard
•County Rd – Threats
•Water St – Duty related injury/illness
•Harbor Neck Rd – MV crash/hit&run
•Rebello Ln – General service
•Wildwood Terr – Domestic disturbance
•Oliver's Ln – General service
•North St – MV violations
•County Rd – Unwanted person
•Tallman St – Caretaker needed
•Marion Rd – Disturbance
•Euclid Rd – Complaint
•North St – Summons service
•Gosnold St – 911 call
•Hereford Hill Rd – Mutual aid/police
•North St – 209A service
•Crooks's Way – Ambulance request
•Long Plain Rd – Suspicious motor vehicle
•Tallman St – Unwanted person
•Crystal Spring Rd – MV violations

ROCHESTER

Log highlights January 25 – January 31

•Robinson Rd – Traffic hazard
•Alley Rd – Fire, other
•Mary's Pond Rd – Highway matter
•Snipatuit Rd – Fire, other
•Neck Rd – Health/welfare
•Burgess Ave – Motor vehicle stop
•Mendell Rd – Animal control
•Robinson Rd – Highway matter
•Haskell Ridge Rd – Suspicious vehicle
•Dexter Ln – Complaint
•Union Church Terr – Utilities
•New Bedford Rd – Ambulance request
•North Ave – Officer wanted
•Mattapoisett Rd – Radar assignment
•Alley Rd – Complaint
•Pierce St – Investigation
•Bennett Rd – Animal control
•North Ave – Alarm, burglar
•North Ave – Ambulance request
•Marion Rd – Animal control
•Cushing Ln – General services
•Haskell Ridge Rd – Vandalism
•Walnut Plain Rd – Radar assignment
•Pauline's Way – Vandalism
•Taber Ln – Noise complaint
•Mattapoisett Rd – Suspicious vehicle
•Marion Rd – Erratic operation
•Dexter Ln – General services
•Clapp Rd – Motor vehicle stop
•Cushing Ln – General services

Local Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday Feb 8: Chicken Stew w/ vegetables, whipped potatoes, whole wheat roll, peaches
Tuesday Feb 9: Fish sandwich, tartar sauce, black beans & rice, hot German slaw, hamburg roll, fresh orange
Wednesday Feb 10: Honey glazed boneless chicken, dirty rice, broccoli, whole wheat bread, brownie, Diet: Cookie
Thursday Feb 11: Beef stroganoff, buttered noodles, peas, multi grain roll, mandarin oranges
Friday Feb 12: BBQ beef patty, O'Brien potatoes, roman blend veg, white bread, pudding, Diet: sugar free pudding

MATTAPOISETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday Feb 8: Hamburger w/wo cheese on a bun, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday Feb 9: Grilled cheese sandwich, soup, fruit, choice of milk
Wednesday Feb 10: Macaroni w/ wo meat sauce, roll, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Thursday Feb 11: Heart shaped chicken nuggets, fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Friday Feb 12: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday Feb 8: Chicken patty, French fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday Feb 9: Cheese quesadilla, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Wednesday Feb 10: Spaghetti w/ wo meatballs, vegetable, bread stick, fruit, choice of milk
Thursday Feb 11: Heart shaped chicken nuggets, fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Friday Feb 12: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday Feb 8: Hot dog on a a roll, fries, chopped onion, fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday Feb 9: Steak n Cheese, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Wednesday Feb 10: Spaghetti w/wo meat sauce, vegetable, bread stick, fruit, choice of milk
Thursday Feb 11: Heart shaped chicken nuggets, fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Friday Feb 12: Quesadilla, fries, or pizza (no fries), vegetable, fruit, choice of milk

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Monday Feb 8: Sloppy Joe, baked chips, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday Feb 9: Cheese quesadilla, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Wednesday Feb 10: Mac n Cheese, vegetable, breadstick, fruit, choice of milk
Thursday Feb 11: Heart shaped chicken nuggets, fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk Friday Feb 12: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk

SIPPICAN SCHOOL, MARION

Monday Feb 8: Chicken patty, French fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday Feb 9: Cheese quesadilla, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Wednesday Feb 10: Spaghetti w/ wo meatballs, bread stick, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Thursday Feb 11: Heart shaped chicken nuggets, fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Friday Feb 12: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday Feb 8: Sloppy Joe, rice, corn, soup, applesauce
Tuesday Feb 9: Buffalo chicken wrap, fries, carrot, celery stick, pineapples
Wednesday Feb 10: American chop suey, bread, green beans, peaches
Thursday Feb 11: Hot do or chili dog, pasta salad, peas, pears
Friday Feb 12: Pizza, salad, fruit

am. Children must be two years old by January 1, 2010 to attend and must be accompanied by an enthusiastic adult companion. Pre-registration is required by calling or stopping by the library, or e-mailing Rosemary Grey at rgrey@sailsinc.org.

• **Story Time** – A story time for children between the ages of 3 and 5 runs through the week of **February 15**. Children are invited to enjoy stories, finger plays and crafts on Monday mornings at 10:30. Pre-registration is required.

• **Lap-Sit** – A program for babies from birth through 23 months and their caregivers, runs through **February 23**. Each Tuesday morning program begins at 10:30 and includes a 20-minute "story time" followed by 20 minutes of socializing. One child per lap, please.

The Elizabeth Taber Library is located at 8 Spring Street in Marion. The phone number is 508-748-1252. More program information can be found on the library's website at www.sailsinc.org/Marion.

Rochester Town Clerk News

• **Dog Licenses** – It is now time to renew your dog's licenses for 2010. Licenses are available in the Town Clerk's office. The fee is $7.00 for spayed and neutered dogs and $10.00 for intact animals. Mass. General Laws require you to have current rabies information in order to obtain a dog license.

• **Annual Town Election** – The Annual Town Election will be held on Wednesday, **April 14**, 2010. Nomination papers are now available for candidates for the following positions: One Selectman, three years; one Highway Surveyor, three years; two Constables, three years; one Board of Health member, three years; one Board of Assessors member, three years; two Planning Board members, five years; two Library Trustees, three years; One Cemetery Commission member, three years; one Park Commission member, three years; one member of the Rochester Memorial School Committee, three years; one member of the Old Rochester Regional School Committee for three years. The last date for taking out nomination paper for this election is Wednesday, **February 24**, 2010. If you have any questions, contact the Town Clerk's office at 508 763 3866.

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Mattapoisett Town Clerk News

• **Census 2010** – Town Census forms have been mailed to every household. Please review to be sure that the information is correct, sign, date and return to the Town Clerk's Office, either by mail or in person. If you have a dog, there is a license renewal form on the back of the census form. Fill in the information and return with the appropriate fee and a 2010 license will be mailed to you. Current rabies information must be on file before the license can be issued. If a resident is 70 years of age or older and the owner of a dog, they are entitled to a free license, but current rabies information must be on file in

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12 Sacred song
13 Costume sparkler
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16 Hefty herbivore
17 Short messages
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54 Baseball's Slaughter
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57 City on the Allegheny
58 Reply to the Little Red Hen
59 One who no's best?
61 Smug smile
62 "The Color Purple" character
65 Kirsch kin
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73 Bronte's "— Grey"
75 Tom, Dick, and Harry
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78 Cougar
79 Landed
80 Gets hitched
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85 Big rigs
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116 Animal that roared?
119 Convent cubicle
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122 Bloomsbury buggy
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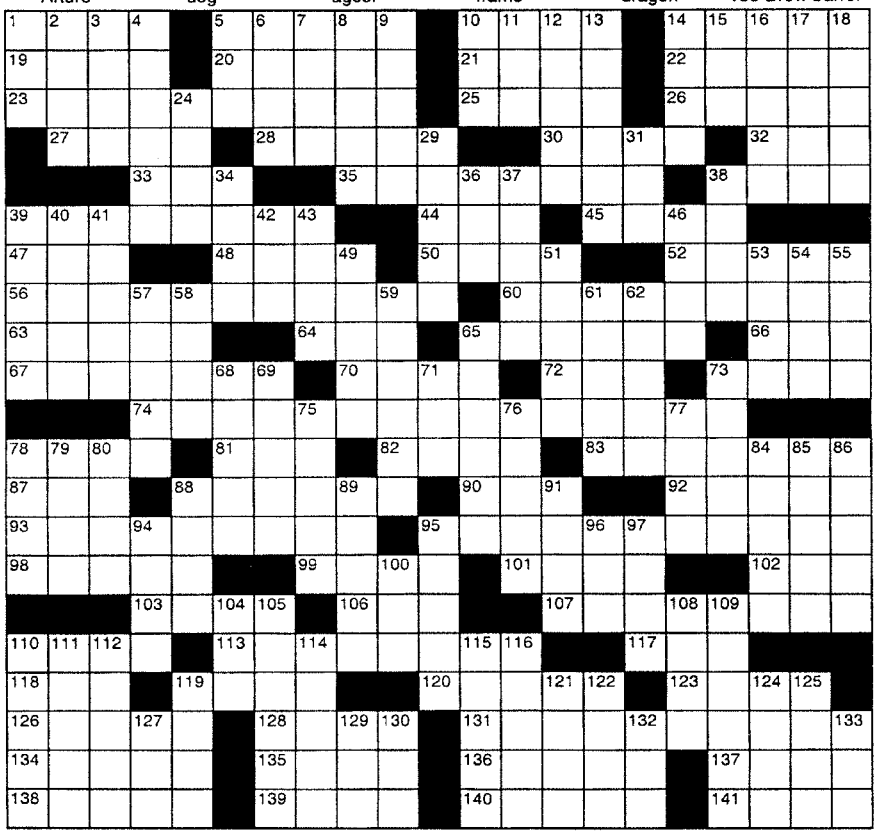

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You need to be certain that all the right conditions are in place before you take that first step. It can't hurt to listen to good advice from those who have your best interests at heart.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Be careful not to get involved in other people's disputes unless you know the facts behind the disagreements. That's the best way to be assured of making wise and honest decisions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You still need to be careful about how you're going to spend those energy reserves you finally got around to restoring. Best advice: Avoid overdoing it. Let things take their course.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your aspect continues to favor travel -- alone or with that special person. So if you've been putting off making those getaway plans, it's still a good time to get started on them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Those so-called golden opportunities that continue to dazzle the Lion still need to be carefully checked out. Be suspicious about anything that looks like the "perfect" prospect.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Changes at the workplace could make it more difficult to do things the way you prefer. But the wise Virgo who shows some flexibility could find it paying off in a big way.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might want to check out the explanation you were given for a sudden shift in your duties. There's a possibility that you haven't been told all the facts that you deserve to know.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Having confidence in your abilities is important, especially when you could be facing a new challenge, whether it's in the workplace or in a personal relationship. Good luck.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new work-related opportunity might not be all that it seems. Before making any decisions, you might want to check with others who have had some experience in that area.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A situation involving someone close could benefit from your timely intervention. Avoid being judgmental. There'll be plenty of time later for those "little talks" you like to have.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel could be a surprise element in that new project. Be prepared for other previously undisclosed aspects that also might come to light as you proceed with the work.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Try to balance your work-related responsibilities with the time you're spending on your recently revived social life. An old friend might be planning to return after a long absence.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your sensitivity makes you aware of the needs of others. Have you considered a career as a counselor?

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the Clerk's office. If you have not received a Town census form please call the office at 508-758-4103 ext 2 and we will be able to update the information.

• **Wharf, Skiff, Mooring** – 2010 bills have been mailed to all holders of a Wharf, Skiff or Mooring space. Payment is due 60 days from date of bill, please be sure your mooring inspection is on file if your bill so indicates and all boat excise taxes have been paid. If either of these two is not current payment will be returned.

• **2010 Nomination Papers** – Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election **May 18**, 2010 are now available. The following offices will appear on the ballot, Board of Selectmen, Assessors, Mattapoisett School Committee, Old Rochester Regional District School Committee, Library Trustee, Moderator, Water/Sewer Commissioner, Board of Health, Planning Board, Mattapoisett Housing Authority, Constable, Herring Inspector, Tree Warden and Community Preservation Committee. The last day to obtain nomination papers is Friday, **March 26**, 2010, and must be returned to this office Monday **March 29**, 2010. Please forward all inquiries to the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4103 ext 2.

Marion Town Clerk News

• **Marion Annual Street Listing** 2010 (census) forms are being mailed out this month. Please complete the forms as soon as possible and drop them off at the Town House, 2 Spring Street or mail them back in the enclosed envelope.

These census forms are very important for the town as State aid is based on the numbers returned. The Annual Street List is compiled from this information. No children under the age of 16 are placed in the street list. However, it is very important that children be noted on the census form for school and state purposes, but again, no children under the age of 16 are placed in the street list.

Also, please note that a separate Federal Census form will be arriving around the same time. It is important that both Marion Annual Street Listing and Federal Census forms be filled out and returned as soon as possible. We thank you all in advance for your cooperation.

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• **2010 Dog Licenses** are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Please stop by or use the application which will be with the Annual Street List form making sure to read the instructions carefully as incomplete applications will be returned. People over 70 years of age do not have to pay for one dog license fee but are still responsible for showing current rabies information.

Please call the Town Clerk's office at 508-748-3502 with any questions you may have.

Three Authors Speak at Mattapoisett Library

Everyone is invited to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library to hear three authors discuss their experiences in publishing, and to read from their work.

On Saturday, **February 13** at 1:00 pm, the library and the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library will host Mary Nyman, Stephen D. Rogers, and Roger Thompson in the Meeting Room. The three will read excerpts from their work, will offer a panel discussion on writing and publishing, and will answer questions from the audience. Books will be available for sale and for signing. Refreshments will be served by the Friends.

Mary M. Nyman was born in Chicago and grew up in Clarksville, Tennessee. She spent summers in Michigan on Torch Lake, near Hemingway country. After a year in France during high school, a year in Washington, D.C., and six years in college and graduate school in the Boston area, she settled in Wareham where she raised five

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 6:30pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Thomas & Nancy Lucivero.

The Applicants propose to construct a single family dwelling utilizing a portion of the existing foundation. The existing dwelling and the northerly portion of the existing slab foundation will be rmoved from the site. The southerly portion of the existing foundation which consists of a full cellar will remain in place and be expanded northerly to accommodate the proposed additional living space. The Applicants also propose to construct a new paved driveway, in-ground swimming pool and retaining wall, to clear a portion of a wooded area and to fill and grade.

Work will be performed within the 100ft Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and the Top of a Coastal Bank and partially within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone AE (El. 14) The property is located at 50 Brant Beach Avenue and is further identified as lot #229 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #14A.
Conservation Commission 02/04

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF ROCHESTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Notice of Intent filed by the City of New Bedford, Department of Public Infrastructure. The applicant is proposing installation of photovoltaic (PV) panel at the Quittacas Water Treatment Plant. A portion of the project area is located within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. There is no work proposed within a wetland resource area.

The subject property is located at 1 Negus Way in Freetown, and is designated as Lot #8 on Assessors' Map #45. The property owner of record is the same as the applicant. The applicant's representative is Carol Rego of Camp Dresser & McKee Inc. (CDM), 50 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA 02139. This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law.
Rosemary T. Smith, Chairperson 02/04

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF APPEALS
Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following application and petitions:

Application by Stephen Kelleher Architects for Lucinda Woods and Stanley Tyliszczak of 140 Brandt Island Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 140 Brandt Island Road. The applicants are seeking a Special Permit under Sections 3.1.2.2 and 3.1.2.3 of the Zoning By-Laws to construct an addition that will not meet the required setbacks for this zoning district. The property is further described as Plat 14, Lot 61 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. #1165

Petition of Stephen S. & Leigh R. Oler of 18 Monadnock Road, Wellesley, MA 02481 re property located at 25 Grand View Avenue. The petitioners are seeking a Variance under Section 3.1.2.2 to construct a small addition that will not meet the required setbacks. The property is further described as Plat 15B, Lot 77 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 6:15 P.M. #1166

Application of Scott & Jana Baroa of 35 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 35 Fairhaven Road. The applicants are requesting a Special Permit under Sections 3.1.2.2 and 3.1.2.3 of the Zoning By-Laws to construct an addition that will not meet the required setbacks. The property is further described as Plat 17, Lot 104 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. #1167

Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.
Jeffrey R. Chase, Chairperson
Susan Akin
Paul Milott
Mary Anne Brogan
Norman Lyonnais 02/04, 02/11

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 7:45 in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider an amendment to Section 8.3 (Towers, windmills, radio transmitters, etc.) of the Zoning By-law or do or take any action related thereto.The text relative to the proposed amendment is available for inspection during regular business hours at the Marion Planning office in the Marion Town House.
Thomas Magauran, Chairman
Joseph Napoli, Vice-Chairman 02/04, 02/11

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 8:00 pm in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider the application of Jill Houck for a Special Permit under Section 4.2 of the zoning bylaw to allow a retail use (bakery) in a Limited Business district.

The property is located at 4 Cottage Street and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 14, Lot 61.
Thomas Magauran, Chairman
Joseph Napoli, Vice-Chairman
Peter Winters, Co-Chairman 02/04, 02/11

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children and kept various pets. She taught high school and college English for 21 years. Since retiring in 1994 she has been painting, writing and making necklaces.

Her writing credits include a book of poetry, *The Season's Edge* in 1984; a textbook, *Teaching With 50 Great Short Stories* in 1994; a novel for teens, *When the Leaves Fall*, published in 2002 and again in 2006; and various poems and articles in literary journals. During the past three months she has been in the process of completing revisions on a book of short stories about teens, *High School Stories: Short Takes* from the Writers' Club, which is due to come out within the next two months. More information may be found on her web page at www.marynyman.com.

Stephen D. Rogers has published over five hundred stories and poems in more than two hundred publications. *Shot to Death*, his collection of mystery short stories, will be published in February. More information is available about Steve at http://www.stephendrogers.com

Roger Thompson, of Mattapoisett, served in both the Executive and Legislative branches of New York State government for nearly two decades. He was Director of the Senate Finance Committee and also served as Secretary of the Senate. In the latter position, he received an Honor Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation for restoration of the historic New York State Chamber. He is the author of *Capitol Games*, a novel of political hardball, and *Savages*, a gripping novel about King Philip's War.

Marion Art Center Winter News

Membership to the Marion Art Center is open to the public. Dues and donations are tax deductible. Members also receive discounts on theater and concert tickets, class tuitions and special events, as well as receiving the quarterly Newsletter, and invitations to gallery openings. Patrons are included in playbills and other publications. For more information, call the Marion Art Center office.

• **Winter Members Show** – The Winter Members Show is on display now in both galleries at the Marion Art Center. The exhibition runs until **February 24**.

• **Rehearsals** – Rehearsals are underway for the Marion Art Center's spring play, *Rumors* by Neil Simon to be produced **March 5, 6, 11, 12, 13**, at 8:00 pm and Sunday, **March 7** at 4:00 pm. Directed by Deborah Bokelkamp, this hilarious adult comedy features Michel Letourneau, Jay Gould, Kim Teves, Ric Teves, Nancy Sparklin, Jay Ryan, Mark Letourneau, Ruth Olson, Stephanie Caron and Jeffrey Gateley. Tickets are $15 for MAC members and $20 for non-members. Reservations are recommended. Tables are available for parties of 4 or more. 508-748-1266.

• **Auditions** for *Imagine: an American Girl Musical Revue* to be produced **June 4, 5, and 6**, will be held on Sunday, **March 14** from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. This family show calls for 2 men, 4 women, and 8 girls (ages 8 – 14).

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• **Valentine Tea Party** – Reservations are now being accepted for the Valentine Tea Party at the Marion Art Center on Saturday, **February 6** at 3:00 pm. Children and adults will enjoy entertainment based on an American Girl theme with music and a skit, do a hands-on crafts project, plus fancy food and fun. Tickets are $15 for MAC members and kids, $20 non-members. Seating is limited. Please call 508-748-1266 by February 1 to reserve a table for this special event.

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If you would like The Wanderer to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information online to us at www.wanderer.com/birthday. To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.

Remember to check The Wanderer each week so you will know who to wish a "Happy Birthday!"

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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Main and Pleasant Streets in Marion. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm and Saturdays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Admission is free. Membership is open to everyone interested in supporting, promoting and enjoying the visual and performing arts. For information call 508-748-1266 or visit www.marionartcenter.org.

Rochester Travel Basketball

Rochester Travel Basketball is hosting the Eighth Grade Boy's playoffs at Old Rochester Regional High School, Saturday, **February 6** and Sunday, **February 7** at 8:00 am. The boys earned the right to host these playoffs by winning the Seventh Grade Cape Cod Youth Basketball League Championship last season. Rochester Travel Basketball has been up and running for three years now, and has five teams totaling almost 70 children from the Tri-Town area. If you are interested in checking out the level of play or just want to come see some great basketball, come down and take a look at some of the most talented underclassman in the State.

The games will start on Saturday morning at Rochester Memorial School. There will be six first-round games played at RMS in the morning: at 8:00, 9:10, 10:20, 11:30, 12:40, and 1:50. The games at ORRHS start at 1:00 pm and run until 8:00 pm. There is no cost to get into the games. The ORRHS schedule is: 1:00, 2:10, 3:20, 4:30, 5:40, 6:50 with the last four games being the quarter-finals. On Sunday, there will be two semi-finals games running at 9:00 and 10:30 am. The two winners of the semi-finals will play for the League Championship the following weekend in Bourne at the Community Center. The two finalists also receive invitations to play in the Middle School State Championship in Mansfield in March.

Old Rochester Eighth Grade Boy's will play 6:50 pm on Saturday, February 6 at ORRHS. If they advance, they will play the semi-finals Sunday morning at 10:30 am, so come out and support your friends.

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Rochester Woman's Club News

The next meeting of the Rochester Woman's Club will be held on Thursday, **February 4** at 6:30 pm, at the Clubhouse, located at 37 Marion Road (Route 105) in Rochester.

This meeting will be the annual Rochester Woman's Club potluck dinner. Please bring a main dish. Beverages and dessert will be provided by the Club. Everyone is encouraged to dress in red and bring a valentine gift to exchange. We will have a brief meeting at 6:30 pm and dinner will be at 7:00.

Our Christmas party in Onset was a great success. The food was fabulous and the company was great. Thank you Justin and Sarah for a great time.
The Rochester Woman's Club is a charitable non-profit organization dedicated helping those less fortunate than us. We welcome all women from any town. For information about the club, call Nancy at 508-654-6621.

Please join the Rochester Women's Club for a Valentine meeting and potluck dinner, or just stop by for a glass of cheer and see some friendly faces.

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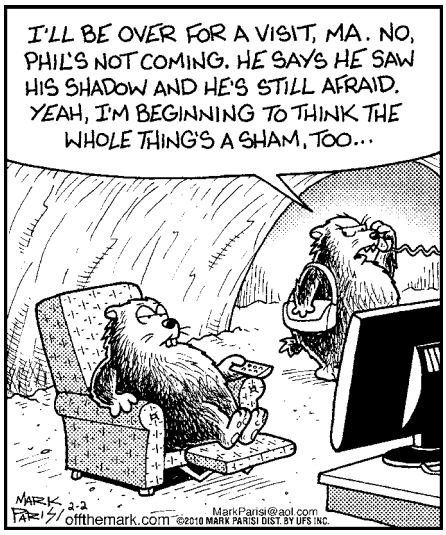

Pan-Mass Challenges Tri-Town

Pan-Massachusetts Challenge gave $30,384,200 to the Jimmy Fund for a 30-year total of $270 million. The 2009 Pan-Massachusetts Challenge (PMC) has contributed $30,384,200 to adult and pediatric cancer care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through its August cycling event.

15 PMC cyclists, who reside in Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester, raised $63,866 of the $30.4 million.

The PMC's 30th year marked a total of $270,000,000 in funds raised for cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The contribution represents 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar, a charity pass through rate nearly unparalleled within the $3 billion athletic fundraising event industry.

This PMC fundraising gift is the single largest contribution made to the Jimmy Fund in 2009, representing 50 percent of the charity's annual revenue. The funds raised by the 4,937 cyclists of the 2009 PMC brings the organization's 30-year total Jimmy Fund gift to exactly $270 million.

The 31st annual PMC is set for **August 7 and 8**, 2010. Registration is open online for alumni and newcomers. For more information about the Pan-Mass Challenge visit www.pmc.org.

Marion Artist Exhibition

Marion artist Joan DeRugeris will have an exhibition of recent work at the Maxwell Mays Gallery at The Providence Art Club, in Providence RI.

Influenced by a recent trip to North Africa, this body of work depicts villages and vistas transposed onto canvases as painterly abstractions with figurative references to a different culture and time.

Using patterns, forms, colors and textures found in this part of the world, Ms. DeRugeris breaks down the elements while still keeping the feel of the subject matter. Oils and acrylics with occasional pastels are used to execute the impressions.

The show opens with an artist reception on **February 7** from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. The show runs through **February 26**. The Providence Art Club is located on Thomas St in Providence RI. For more information, visit providenceartclub.org

Cape Cod Half-Marathon

The 2010 Cape Cod Half-Marathon Trilogy Race Series kicks off on **February 28** at the Hyannis Half Marathon in Hyannis, Massachusetts. This is the second half-marathon in the series called "Great Hyannis."

The "Johnny Kelley Half-Marathon" will also take place in Hyannis, Massachusetts on **May 28** during the Memorial Day weekend. The Half-Marathon honors the great marathoner, Johnny Kelley, who won the Boston Marathon twice.

The inaugural 2009 Cape Cod Half-Marathon Trilogy Race Series was a huge success. Information on the 2010 series, including who raced all three marathons in 2009 and who won or placed in the top ten in 2009, can be found at www.baevents.com.

Marion Family Ice-Skating

Family ice-skating time at the Tabor Academy Ice Rink for the 2009/2010 season will be from noon to 2:00 pm on the following dates: **February 7, 14, 18, 21**, and **28**. The cost of admission is $3 per person.

Skate at your own risk! Hats, gloves and skates are required for anyone who is on the ice. Helmets are required for inexperienced skaters and children under six.

Gallery X

The next exhibit will take place from **February 3 – February 27**, with a reception on Saturday, **February 6**, from 7:00 – 10:00 pm.

• The **Audible Think** Improvised Music Series at Gallery X returns for the 2009/2010 season with performances on the third Wednesday of each month from February to May. The series presents improvised music, jazz, avant-garde, and original compositions by musicians from around the region and those on tour.

This series, directed by Andy McWain and presented by Gallery X, a local/regional artist cooperative and gallery, is made possible, in part, with the support of a Whaling City Sound grant. A special thanks to Neal Weiss for his support.

This month's Audible Think takes place on **February 17** at 7:30 pm. $5 suggested donation.

• **Lore Lounge** – Live soul, jazz and spoken-word is featured at Lore Lounge, which is an alcohol-free show with live jazz and soul, hosted by Phillip Aaron, Mwalim and The Bass Mint Bros with featured spoken-word artists, singers and open mic. This program meets the fourth Friday of each month at 8:30 pm. The suggested donation for Lore Lounge is $5. More info call 508-566-6269 or email mgmulti@gmail.com.

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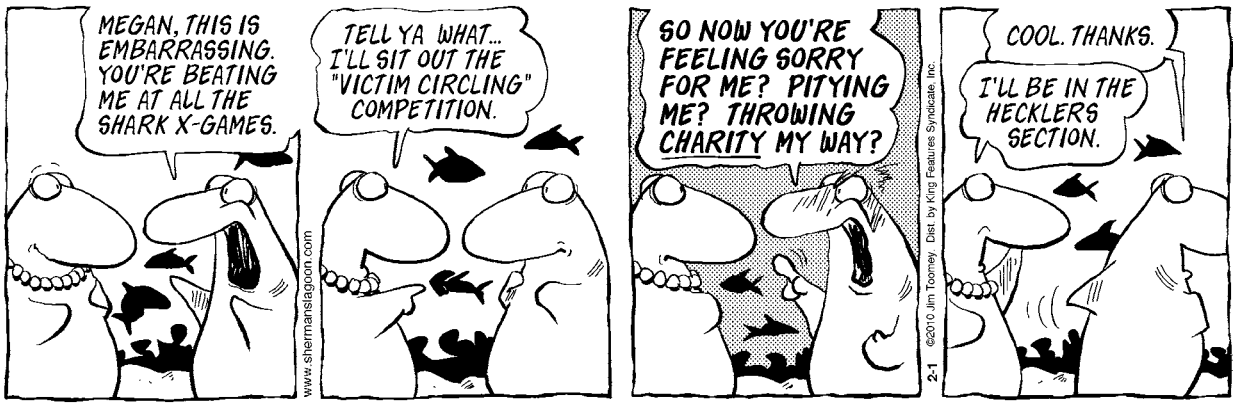

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Old Colony Nature Photo Contest

The 2010 Green Fair to take place **March 20** from 10:00 to 4:00 pm at Old Colony Vocational Technical High School in Rochester, sponsored by The Environmental Advocates for Massachusetts, Southeast (TEAMS) and the Taunton River Watershed Alliance (TRWA), is having a photo contest. This year the winning photo will represent "Nature in Transition."

Were you ever inspired by that moment as a butterfly emerged from a cocoon - or as the ice began to glaze over in a cranberry bog? Have you enjoyed migratory birds taking to the sky? Show us what natural events inspired you and share that with others!

The rules are simple: No more than two entries per person. Each entry must be an 8 x 10 photograph, un-framed and un-matted. Each entry should represent the theme of "Nature in Transition" and must be taken somewhere within Southeastern Massachusetts. Be sure to list your name, address, telephone number, email, where and when the photo was taken on the back of your photo. By submitting an entry, each entrant agrees to allow TEAMS to reserve the right to use any and all contest entries for educational and promotional purposes only.

Entries must be submitted by **March 3**. You may mail your photograph to TEAMS, PO Box 898, Lakeville, MA 02347. Drop off locations will be available by January 4. If you are mailing your entry, we recommend you protect the photo(s). Photos will not be returned.

The winning photo will be displayed prominently at the Green Fair on Saturday, March 20 between 10 and 4:00 pm. If you have any questions about the contest, please email TEAMS at teams-info@hotmail.com or check out our website at www.teams-on-web.org.

Admission to the Green Fair 2010, in our fourth year, is free. Join us and you will learn how the actions of individuals like yourself can impact the health (water flow and volume, cleanliness, wildlife viability) of our watershed and our global environment in general. Learn how to have a positive effect on our environment. Join us at the Fair.

TEAMS welcomes participants desiring to display environmentally friendly products or services, or watershed-oriented studies or projects, and volunteers willing to lend a hand on the day of the 2010 Green Fair. Please contact TEAMS at teams-info@hotmail.com. Space is limited so please reserve ASAP. For additional information about TEAMS or the 2010 Green Fair, visit our website www.teams-on-web.org. For information on TRWA please visit www.savethetaunton.org.

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February 6:	Sat.	1:22	1:45	7:56	7:02
February 7:	Sun.	2:24	2:48	9:26	8:22
February 8:	Mon.	3:31	3:53	10:24	9:35
February 9:	Tues.	4:35	4:54	11:07	10:28
February 10:	Wed.	5:32	5:46	11:41	11:14
February 11:	Thurs.	6:16	6:28	11:59	11:56
February 12:	Fri.	6:55	7:07	. . .	12:38
February 13:	Sat.	7:31	7:42	12:38	1:10
February 14:	Sun.	8:04	8:16	1:18	1:42
February 15:	Mon.	8:37	8:49	1:57	2:14
February 16:	Tues.	9:10	9:23	2:33	2:45
February 17:	Wed.	9:45	9:59	3:08	3:16
February 18:	Thurs.	10:24	10:38	3:41	3:48
February 19:	Fri.	11:06	11:21	4:17	4:22
February 20:	Sat.	11:54	. . .	4:58	5:04
February 21:	Sun.	12:11	12:47	5:50	5:56

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